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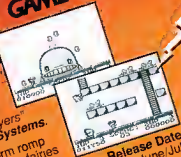
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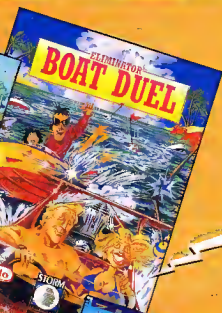


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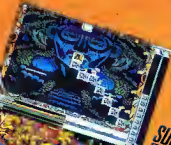
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Streetfighter 2
Chaos Engine
Sunset Riders
Star Wing
Cybernator

And of course, owners of cheating carts will be pleased to find three bumper pages of codes.

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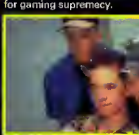
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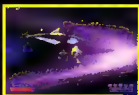


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DON'T CALL US...



Red-hot phone-on-mouth action. 0225 442244. I'm weird! (Er...)

Looph! We've stopped saying "Greetings! Hoory! Don't know about you but I was thoroughly bored of it. Anyway, this is a slightly more brief hello from me than normal, since we've got such an incredible amount of news to fit into Network this month. So I'll keep my rubbish to a minimum and try to say something actually worthwhile. Now, as you can tell from the headline, this story is actually about some sort of phone activity. Yup, the Great GamesMaster Reader Call day is finally up and running. We've been

hiding the phone in a drawer under a T-shirt for long enough, and Supreme Overlord Ingham has caught up with us and commanded two things. 1) That we shall be available to answer your calls on Friday afternoons and 2) We stop calling him the Supreme Overlord.

So, the number you call got us on is 0225 442244, but there are some important things to remember. Firstly, don't ring up and ask for cheats or tips, because the GamesMaster won't come to the phone. Second, don't ask us if the SNES is better than the Mega Drive. Third, we'd rather not have one of those "When you've finished with your review copy of X, can you send me the cut?" conversations. Or "When is Streetfighter out on the Mega Drive?"

Apart from those things, we'd simply love to have a chat with you. We can't guarantee who'll answer the phone, so it's a bit like telephone roulette. You might get Allison, or you might get Ada. Who knows? Anyway, there we are. Speak to you soon. In the meantime, if you want a laugh, ring the number from Monday to Thursday and you'll hear Ada doing our answerphone message, which is wretched. Bye!

AMIGA FORMAT LIVE

Oh, good heavens above! Anyone not involved in the Amiga "scene" living in the Wembley area is going to have a very miserable time from the 7 to 9 May, since that's when Amiga Format Live '93, erm, happens. The whole "area" as Adrian says will be sent into a frenzy of Amiga-related madness. However, since we're sure that anyone with half a brain (and a couple of people with complete ones, ho ho) will find the planet's biggest Amiga-only exhibition, the good people of Wembley will just have to put up with it.

The aim and indeed theme of the whole event is the versatility of the Amiga. As well as being a great place to go to get all manner of Amiga bargains, the event will boast a number of special areas. There's a Sound and Vision section concentrating on the Amiga's audio-visual capabilities, video technology and so on. Experts from *Cincomorder Plus* magazine will be on hand to give you the benefit of their advice.

But the major attraction for GM readers will be the enormous Amiga Power Games Arcade where you can see and play all the top new releases

for the machine. Virgin, Microprose and Gremlin Graphics are all to have a "presence" (lebensplatz) at the show and will be demo-ing all their forthcoming storms. *Dune 2*, *Goal*, *Beneath The Steel Sky*, *Apocalypse*, *Haro Quest 2*, *Lili Divil*, *B17* and *Gunship 2000*. All these and more will be there for you to check out!

The show runs 9.30 to 5.30 on Friday and Saturday, and 9.30 to 4.30 on Sunday. Tickets on the door cost £7. For more details check out the ad on page 28. If you'd like to reserve your tickets by phone (55 95 or 55 for the under 16s) you can call the Credit Card Hotline on 061 351 5085.



Amiga Format Live '93, it says. And it means it. You can see this logo again on page 28.

BIGGEST EVER SHOW EVER ON EARTH EVER!



One thing you always find at shows are people. And what do people always need? Haircuts, that's right. So it beats me why you don't find more barbers playing their trade at these events. They'd make a killing. So come on, you hairdressers - get down to the FES and give us a trim.

Well, it's going to be pretty darned large, even if it's not the biggest thing ever. Last year Future Publishing, the company which sees fit to publish GamesMaster, held the Future Entertainment Show at Earl's Court in London. It was a pretty massive event, and a lot of fun was had by all, especially the people waiting outside in the queues.

Another show which was massive and spectacular was the self-styled GamesMaster show held at Birmingham's attractive NEC venue.

So there were two gotta-see shows last year, then? Wouldn't it be totally rad if they got together and had the Mother of All Shows?

Of course it would. So that's exactly what has happened. Future Events and Newbold International, both rock hard, storming companies, have pooled their resources. The result is the new, improved Future Entertainment Show, which will retain the same name as, er, the Future Entertainment Show.

Both firms believe that the big monster-show will be more than twice

as good as each of the separate ones, so you're not absolutely to excuse not to be there, unless you're ill or something like that.

So if you're dying to meet the GamesMaster team, talk to the ever-luscious Dominik Diamond or even look at some other stuff (of which there will be a huge amount), come along to the show. It'll be the most amazing show this side of the Jim Rose Circus, except that nothing will go wrong and there'll be no blood.

The incredible FES (as we casually call it) will take place at Olympia in London, and will be on there from 11 to 14 November. Everything for Nintendo, Sega, Commodore, Atari and every other format will be there, and you can expect a load of first glimpses of 1994's amazing hardware and software releases.

Look out for ticket order forms and stuff in the next few issues of GamesMaster, which, incidentally, will also contain a series of jokes by Andy about Breakfast TV. They should be really funny, because he's been working on them for ages.

MORRIS

ALIEN WAR (DISNEYLAND GORIFIED)



The creator of *Alien*, and the two guys that thought up *Alien War*.

How many of you have been to Disneyland and seen that cute little mouse, Mickey? Okay, how many of you have been chased down dark, dingy passages, by a slimy black alien that wants to eat you for dinner? Well, later this year you'll have that chance, there will be a new attraction for you to visit in London. From the end June,

there will be an all-new Aliens-style 'theme park', in which you'll be able to re-enact parts of your favourite film.

The project will be entitled *Alien War*, where a group of 12 people will be led into a 'set' which will be made to look like a remote space station – similar to the actual one seen in *Aliens*. The entire 'experience' will last for around 20 minutes.

The *Alien War* experience is not a new one. It has been a huge attraction in Glasgow having had a six month run between April and October 1992. More than 100,000 people have been put through this ordeal.

Half a million people are expected to see the London site, and that's just in the first year. The London experience will be much the same as the Glasgow one, but will be far bigger – four separate groups will be able to go around without bumping into each other. The London site will have 14,000 square feet of interconnecting tunnels, seven

times the size of the one in Glasgow.

Aliens fans the world over have heard about *Alien War*. Interest in Japan is so great that negotiations are under way for an *Alien War* venue to be built in Tokyo. A team of professionals have been drafted in to build the sets, which, when finished, will look as accurate as the film.

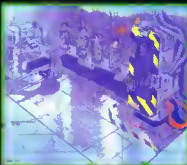
Most of the cast from the first three films have been asked to attend the opening of *Alien War*, and Sigourney Weaver has said she'll turn up as long as she's not busy working. The actual location is expected to be in either Covent Garden or near Trafalgar Square. Admission will be around £6.



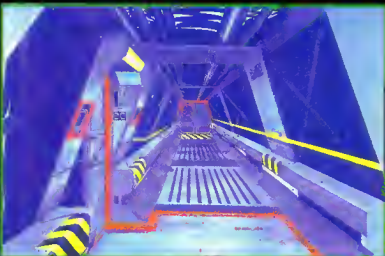
This is an artist's impression of... er, ally cool things.



Ali, the pleasant waiting room, and an Alien bursting from your chest.



This is the 'Med Lab', don't ask me about it because I don't know.



There are times when you get a feeling of Dōjō Vu, and to be quite honest with you, this is one of those times. "We got movement."

FIGHTER MEET

More details reach us all the time of the forthcoming and very possibly completely spectacular *Fighter Meet* 93 (15 and 16 May at North Weald Airfield, Epping).

In particular, The GameDome looks like being, er, the business. Dominik will be hosting five shows a day in the specially built Dome. Each show will have eight contestants, selected directly from the audience. The contestants will pit their skills against each other, it says here. In the fast moving knockout challenges. The heat will be on, the games are hot and there are fantastic prizes to be won by all contestants, from T-shirts to hard and software. The grand prize for the best player over the two days of the show is a lovely new Amiga A600.

When you're not in the GameDome, you can check out the other attractions like *Onstar*, *Virtual Reality* flight sims or visit exhibitors like Special Reserve, Virgin Games, US Gold, Digital Integration, Psychosis and so on.

And when you're not checking out all of that, you can amuse yourself by taking in one of the most impressive displays of military aircraft in the world. Some of them will be in the air and some of them will be on the ground. There might even be a surprise simulated attack on the airfield, maybe.

The promoters are promising a great day out, but you must hurry to claim your free vouchers. See the ad in this issue for more details.



Mr Dominik Diamond, who will be flying solo at *Fighter Meet* 93 without his splendid red jacket or even cornation. Boo!

NETWORK

LEMMINGS - THE CALENDAR

That's right. You've had your Kathy Lloyd and your David Hasselhoff. You've had Madonna and Bruce Springsteen. Now, the latest international stars who happen to have nice bums to grace the nation's walls in draamy-pin-up calendar form are, y-e-s... Lemmings. Well, they're not quite there yet. And that's where you come in.

Psychosis are busy at this very moment carefully crafting the modern marvel that will be the 1994 Lemmings calendar, and they need your help. We want you to paint a Lemming in lovely bright colours and send it in to us. The four best entries will be put into the calendar, lovingly reproduced about a trillion times and have one of those spiral binder things stuck through it (probably) and will then be distributed all across Europe! Millions of Lemmings fans

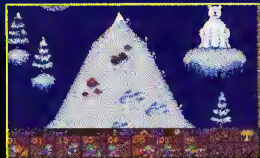
will see your artwork, and a meteoric rise to fame on the painting circuit will be yours, maybe.

But that's not all! The best entry will win its sender an all-expenses paid trip for two to Edinburgh to meet the designers of the Lemmings games. There will also be a bumper bundle of Lemmings goodies for you to take away and a subscription to GamesMaster. There will be further runner up prizes of signed copies of *Lemmings 2*.

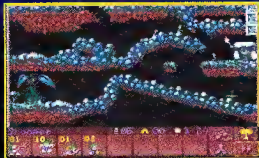
So get out your paints, as we're wont to say in such situations, and start painting. The closing date for the competition is, ooh, what's the date? Er, the closing date is the 15 May 1993. Send your entries to **Hare is My Lemming, GamesMaster Magazine, Future Publishing, 29 Monmouth St, Bath, Avon, BA1 2DL.**



Remember that we want Lemmings in interesting, exciting poses not just the standard position. Use your imagination...



Here we have some ideas to maybe inspire your Lemmings artwork. There are many more Lemmings here, sliding down a hill...



...while the Lemmings in this environment are altogether more relaxed and sort of tropical. Some of them might be wearing shorts.



(...Which is a damned sight more than you've managed to achieve writing these captions, isn't it? - Ed.)

LEMMINGS - THE SINGLE

Jesus. Inevitable, maybe, but grizzly nonetheless. Heralding the imminent arrival of the Lemmings single. Psyglog's press release says, "You've read the book (7) you've played the game, now dance to the record!" Based around the music from *Lemmings 2* the "tune" has been laid down by Ian Richardson and Nick Coler who were apparently the back-room boys behind KLF, whatever that

might entail. The 'Pool-based softy is keen to distance itself from "that horrible Tetris thing" and "the putrid Super Mario record", insisting that their effort will be a pop dance crossover hit.

As you would expect, there are various samples of Lemmings saying "Let's go!" and so on.

Needless to say, we'll keep you informed of its chart position.



...send them to us. Usual address. Mark your envelope "Rubbish Lemmings Song".

AMOS WINNER!

Remember that Amos competition that our friends on the GamesMaster TV show ran a few months ago? Well, it's got a winner! His name is Brian Bell (22) and the aim of the competition was to find new programming talent, using Europress Software's top utility, Amos, and by crivens, has it worked! The game will shortly appear on the Sherwood circuit and, if you're keen to see exactly how great it is, we can tell you how. Oh, you want us to? Okay, well, if you pick up the latest edition of the Amiga Bible, *Amiga Format*, you'll be able to play a three-level demo of the game. And you'll bloody well like it. Hoorey!



This is Charlin Chimp in all his glory. Well, not quite all his glory, but some of it.

LET THE BATTLE COMMENCE...

Ladies and gentlemen, we have our challengers. Yes, our resident *Streetfighter 2* champs, Dave and Gary, will soon be clashing with the might of the brotherhood (Gary - J-King and Dave - Thin Red Line) in the 'arena' of the year and will be facing within the next month the formidable row of Gaidard, Surrey. Their 5/2 credentials are listed - Dave's nabbed a limited edition T-shirt for his

win at the GamesMaster Live show last year, and James has beaten all comers in the Guildford Combat competition.

Due to the crazy, mixed-up world of magazines, the fight will first happen before you read this. But watch for a preliminary shocking great report on the event, and more to come next time - complete with full details about the chief referee chosen and any moves executed.



Dar cruvee, Dave and James. That dear could be with a vernish, too.

Scenes like this could be commonplace when the titans clash. (Eh? Ed.)

WARNING! Accept the role of Buster Bunny in this latest Tiny Toon Adventure and you'll find yourself in all kinds of bizarre adventures. Six new wacky levels with five extra sub-games between each level!



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NETW

DIVE INTO A NICE HOT HATCH

Amazing late news just in – Ocean are apparently doing a game all about driving around in what the press refer to as ‘Hot Hatchbacks’. These cars, often the targets for so-called ‘joyriders’, are small, family vehicles which have been modified by the manufacturers to give rather impressive performance.

For example, the Golf GTi can probably do about 120 mph, and the Peugeot 1.9 GTi a similar speed. On the other hand, the Cosworth Escort can *Oil/Gut* on with the news brief – Ed.

Right, or, the game is a racer for one or two players, and the object is to win an underground race across Europe and America for a large cash prize. It says here, Underground presumably means secret and illegal, not actually under the surface of the ground. You’d have to be racing tunnel-making machines to do a proper underground race, and that’d be, er, boring.

There are loads of way-points and rather than have one road to travel on, you must make decisions at junctions and take forks and so on (in case you have a picnic, presumably).



Looks like a Fiata, this. Funnyly enough, Lam’s got a Fiata.



And this looks like a car driving down a road. Very cosy indeed.

EAGLES TAKING INDUSTRIAL ACTION



Suddenly Vic spotted the enemy fighter. His bowels turned to jelly and his brain turned to a balloon...



...and his wife turned to Ralene because she was fed up of her husband being hid’d party items.

Ves, in a surprise move, the F-15 which has already been featured by MicroProse on various formats has gone on strike. The Strike Eagle, as it wishes to be known, is complaining about the long hours and... (What a dreadful joke. Do the news properly – Ed).

Well, it seems that the release date for *Super Strike Eagle* on the Super NES is drawing near. Boy, what a game it looks. Amazingly fast, astonishing graphics and a host of arcadey features mean it will probably be very popular and we might rave on about it like we do with *Streetfighter 2*.

MicroProse have also signed their first deal with Sega to do *F-15 Strike Eagle 2* on the Mega Drive. The game will be as close to the PC and Amiga versions as possible, with six worlds to fly over: Europe, the Gulf, the Middle East, Vietnam, Libya and, bizarrely, the Arctic Circle are the zones, and there will be four difficulty levels. All the weird outside-the-plane views will be there. We’ll be featuring it in some detail in *GamesMaster* when there’s something to see.

IRON HARD

Japanese things are great, aren’t they? I mean, look at Nintendo, Honda, er, Jackie Chan. Oh, sorry – he’s Chinese. I think... Anyway, the Japanese also make some strikingly memorable movies – the, um, Godzilla series, for example. Well, if you’re 18 or over, with a cast-iron stomach, you may well want to check out *Tetsuo – The Iron Man* – a delightful little film concerning, erm, the aine of the flesh, violent fantasy and just general black-and-white weirdness.

Featuring elements of David Lynch’s *Eraserhead* and David Cronenberg’s *The Fly*, it’s an utterly tasteless, violent, occasionally very funny trip into the surreal which inspired a sort-of sequel, *Tetsuo – Body Hammer*. Well, worth a look – but be warned, it’s strong stuff.



GENIE BECOMES FASHION VICTIM

The SNES Game Genie is a hot piece of kit for your SNES: everybody knows that. Have you ever seen a picture of it? Yes? Have you wondered why it looks like that? Well, we can tell you that it was designed that way.

But it was designed for the American SNES, which, as we all agree, doesn’t look half as cool as the UK or Japanese one. So, with the help of Hornby Hobbies, those enthusiastic folk, Galoob have redesigned the look of the thing.

It now appears to be part of the *Nostromo*. It does the same job, though, so don’t worry that those sexy lines and moulded bits are taking away the power of this immensely useful add-on. The SNES Game Genie will be available in the UK in June, priced at £44.99. So for the cost of a game, you’ll be able to muck around with hundreds in the privacy and comfort of your own home.

And some late news – the UK Codebook for the SNES Game Genie will contain hundreds of codes for all the top USA import titles, including the great *Super Star Wars* and Mickey’s *Magical Quest*. Of course, the book will have codes for all the top UK games, so you won’t have to repeatedly ask us.

Many more codes will be available through the Game Genie Helpline, which has 6,000 registered users (and going up all the time). And don’t forget that the SNES Game Genie can be used with a converter to create special effects on imported titles. So it looks like a big bag of fun. More details can be picked from Hornby Hobbies, who frequently answer if you ring 0843 225555.



“Great! Once I’ve got this caption out of the way I can go for lunch. An omelette, perhaps, or maybe fish and chips. What do you think, Laz?”

W O R K

ZOOL SHOCKER

Gremlin broke silence to enter the Zool debate, yesterday. Controversy has been raging as to whether Zool is an ant or, er, not.

Questions were asked in the House concerning the genus of the creature. But just as the debate was really hotting up, Gremlin entered the fray and stated categorically that Zool is not an ant. According to Nick Clarkson, of Gremlin, he is "a ninja from the nth dimension."

Meanwhile, Zool is believed to be staying with friends. Understandably shaken, he refused to speak to the press, but we managed to speak to a close friend of his. He spoke ultrasoonically. It sounded like "Eeeeee".

Hmm. The other news (and this

bit is serious) is that Zool 2 will be out on the Amiga in October.

Now, we'd like to do a compo about all this, but we can't think of any questions. So here are the answers - you must send in the right questions. Pretty simple, eh?

The prizes will be a dozen copies of Zool on the Amiga, the PC or the Archimedes. The answers are below:
a) Trophyllexis b) Stuent Gokkard
c) Workers, soldiers and queens
And the tiebreaker...

d) Nicholas Hewkmoor
Simply send your entry questions in to Zool Competition, GamesMaster, 23 Monmouth St, Bath, Avon BA1 2DL before 15 May. Be sure to state which format you require.

SEGA VS CODIES IN DOUBLE K.O. SHOCK

Yes, the court case between Sega and CodeMasters has been resolved, with both sides coming out as winners. They've reached an agreement by which Sega gives approval to CodeMasters' Mega Drive and Master System games.

Those cheerful Codies were planning to publish their games separately of the Japanese giant in an effort to break the virtual monopoly that Sega have on releases in this country, and indeed, the world. It was shaping up to be quite a battle, and one which we were going to follow closely through binoculars, so as not to get too near. But it appears that after dipping their respective toes into the costly

waters of litigation, both sides have retreated to frolic on amicable settlement beach.

So what does this mean? (And I'm not talking about that test word sentence). It means that the Codies can put out all the games they want, but Sega will have a look at them before they're released. It also means that the amazing and brilliant *Micro Machines* will be out on Mega Drive in the near future.

CodeMasters can be contacted on 0926 814132, and if you're planning a trip to Kendal or Penrith, make sure you unplug your telly, kettle and iron before you go, otherwise they might blow up when you're away.

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DIARY DATES

Sometimes, you may feel that life has passed you by. Often, you may sit alone and thoughtfully ponder those missed opportunities like the sad, bitter, old git that you are (No references to our dear Andy there). Now, come on. Don't be disheartened! Acquire a fat wad of cash and swagger onto the tear-soaked streets of your home-town, amothering your worries in one of the latest releases... and remember - the greatest order always emerges from the renkest chaos. (Oh shut up, you nauseating adolescent. - Ed).

APRIL 15

Issue Five of GamesMaster magazine goes on sale today. In fact, I really don't know why we keep mentioning this - month after month. I mean, you're already reading it! Fatally, you've previously become aware of this knowledge via the mere process of picking up the magazine and... (Oh, do shut up and get a move on - Ed).

APRIL 19 - 24

Around this time - If you happen to wander into your local video games retailer, and you're fortunate enough to own all of the following systems (oh, and if you've got loads of money) - you'll be able to buy all of these games. Some great, some not so great. Still, that's how this cruel, cruel world often operates...

For the Mega Drive, you'll be able to choose from *Atronic Runner*, *Rolling Thunder 2*, *Cyborg Justice*, *Grandslam Tennis*, *Steel Talons* (ahem!), *Turtles in Hyperstone Hail*, *Sunset Riders*, *James Bond*, *Tiny Toons* and the ever-popular *Strider 2*.



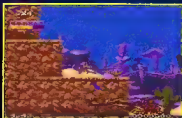
Jonathon crept into the house, immediately ensnaring a tangible atmosphere of foreboding.

Of the Amiga, there will be the tantalising trio of *Walker*, *Prime Mover*, *Universal Monsters*.



Sharply reacting to a slight, snuffed sound over by the bookcase, he spun around.

Nintendo-wise, there will be *Road Runner - Death Valley Rally* on the SNES, and *Looney Tunes*, *Casheville 2* and *Star Trek* on the Game Boy.



It was Kate, leaping through *The Complete Works Of Dickens*. Slowly, she turned to face him.

For the Master System, check out *Batman Returns*, *Techno World Cup Soccer* and *Mickey Mouse 2*.



"What the hell are you doing here?" he muttered ominously. "I came to see you, my darling."

For the Game Gear, how about *Master of Darkness* and *Home Alone*? Erm, we wouldn't particularly recommend the latter...

Now, should you have purchased one of those really rather wonderful Sega CD singles (check out the feature on page 26), then you have a choice of six luscious circular, erm, sort of silverish objects - in the form of *Jaguar XJ220*, *Road Avenger*, *Wolf Child*, *Sharlock Holmes*, *Black Hole Assault* and *Prince Of Persia*.

MAY 7 - 9

If, incidentally, you're a Amiga owner, then you'd be downright stupid and demented to miss the undoubtedly fabulous Amiga Format Live show which will be held at Wembley. Check out the proper story elsewhere in the Network pages.

MAY 11

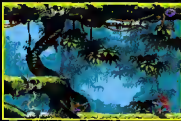
A truly momentous day in the history of the world. Yes, on this very day - erm, 20 or something years ago - our games "player" ordinarine, Ade Price was dropped, sodden doughnut in hand, into the hostile world. Oh, would someone just please send him a card or something.

MAY 10 - 15

Those games in full... For the Master System, there's *Rainbow Islands*, *Streets Of Rage*, *Agassi Tennis*, *Robin Hood* and those goody gits the *Global Gladiators*.

On the Game Gear, we have *Talespin*, *Evander Holyfield Boxing*, *Tom and Jerry - The Movie* and *Mickey Mouse 2*.

Meanwhile, over on the Mega Drive, you can spend yer money on *Double Clutch*, *Child Child Boys*, *X-Men*, *Superman*, *Flashback*, *Another World* and the voraciously violent *Mutant League Football*.



With stifled emotion, he replied. "Once, I needed you, Kate. But now, we've drifted apart."

...and, from out of the SNES, you may want to sample *Super Pang*, *Super F 1* and *King Arthur's World*. For NES owners, how about *Caslemania 3*?

Oh, and if you still haven't sold your Sega CD, then you might want to check out the fun, but sadly limited *Night Trap*.

Oh, incidentally, we're sorry about missing out Easter from last month's dates. As everyone knows, Easter is a special occasion where we celebrate, um, something or other, by eating chocolate eggs and, er, dressing up as bunnies. I think. Goodbye.

IMPORT CHARTS

SNES

1	Super Star Wars	JVC
2	Tiny Toons	Konami
3	Mickey's Quest	Konami
4	Star Wing	Nintendo
5	Merio Kart	Nintendo
6	Address Foreally 2	Ocean
7	California Gears	Nintendo
8	Ocean Strike	Electronic Arts
9	Lothal Weapon	Ocean
10	Prince of Persia	Konami

MEGA DRIVE

1	PGA Tour Golf 2	Electronic Arts
2	Road Rash	Electronic Arts
3	Ecco the Dolphin	Sega
4	Streets of Rage 2	Sega
5	NHLPA Hockey 93	EA
6	Tiny Toons	Konami
7	World of Illusion	Sega
8	Jiff 93	Electronic Arts
9	Ocean Strike	Electronic Arts
10	Sonic 2	Sega

GAME BOY

1	Seper Marioland 2	Nintendo
2	Megaman 3	Capcom
3	Star Wars	Ubisoft
4	WWF 2	Acclaim
5	Bionic Commando	Capcom
6	Looney Tunes	Konami
7	Unlabeled Duck	Nintendo
8	Alien 3	Acclaim/JN
9	Terranator 2	Acclaim
10	Star Trek	Nintendo

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Office favourite, *Super Star Wars*, finally hits the big time, going to the top of the SNES charts.



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CHARTS



THE OFFICIAL CHARTS (Month ending March)
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GAMES
CENTRE

SNES



- 1 **Super Mario Kart**
Nintendo
- 2 **Pilotwings**
Nintendo
- 3 **Road Runner Death Valley Rally**
Sunsoft
- 4 **Super Mario Paint**
Nintendo
- 5 **Marioworld**
Nintendo
- 6 **Bart's Nightmare**
Acclaim
- 7 **Sim City**
Maxis
- 8 **Streetfighter 2**
Capcom
- 9 **Spiderman and the X-men**
Acclaim
- 10 **Super Ghouls and Ghosts**
Capcom

MASTER SYSTEM



- 1 **Sonic 2**
Sega
- 2 **Lemmings**
Sunsoft
- 3 **Taz Mania**
Sega
- 4 **Mickey Mouse**
Sega
- 5 **Leaderboard**
US Gold

MEGA DRIVE



- 1 **Streets Of Rage 2**
Sega
- 2 **Road Rash 2**
Electronic Arts
- 3 **Lemmings**
Sunsoft
- 4 **Sonic 2**
Sega
- 5 **European Club Football**
Virgin
- 6 **Desert Strike**
Electronic Arts
- 7 **Mickey and Donald**
Sega
- 8 **NHLPA 93 Hockey**
Electronic Arts
- 9 **WWF Wrestlemania**
Flying Edge
- 10 **John Madden 93**
Electronic Arts

NES

- 1 **Lemmings**
Ocean
- 2 **Micro Machines**
Codemasters
- 3 **Dizzy**
Codemasters
- 4 **Super Mario 3**
Nintendo
- 5 **Turtles 2**
Konami

AMIGA



- 1 **The Chaos Engine**
Renegade
- 2 **Body Blows**
Team 17
- 3 **Lemmings 2**
Psygnosis
- 4 **Premier Manager**
Renegade
- 5 **Historyline**
Blue Byte
- 6 **Sleepwalker**
Ocean
- 7 **Sensible Soccer**
Renegade
- 8 **Wing Commander**
Mindscape
- 9 **Streetfighter 2**
US Gold
- 10 **Campaign**
Empire

LYNX

- 1 **Dirty Larry**
- 2 **Steel Talons**
- 3 **Joust**
- 4 **Batman Returns**
- 5 **Switchblade**

GAME BOY



- 1 **Lemmings**
Ocean
- 2 **MarioLand 2**
UbiSoft
- 3 **Crash Dummies**
Acclaim
- 4 **Star Wars**
UbiSoft
- 5 **Looney Toons**
Konami
- 6 **Alien 3**
Acclaim
- 7 **Home Alone 2**
THQ
- 8 **Golf**
Nintendo
- 9 **Tennis**
Nintendo
- 10 **Tiny Toons**
Konami

GAME GEAR

- 1 **Sonic 2**
Sega
- 2 **Lemmings**
Sega
- 3 **Super Space Invaders**
Domark
- 4 **Alien 3**
Acclaim
- 5 **Tez Mania**
Sega

DON'T AGREE, EH?

Here's your chance to do something about it. If you're sick of seeing the games you loathe riding the top of the charts, you can vote for your fave game and put it to the top of our Readers' Chart which will appear next month. Right on! Power to the people etc.

I'm a GamesMaster reader and my fave game

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DOMINIK'S BIG PURPLE COLUMN

Welcome once more, and gather round my big purple column. Many of you may now have played *Flashback* on one of its formats, and a rather corking game it is too.

I must admit, I was not the biggest fan of *Another World*, but those wacky Frenchsters at Delphine Software have done the big this time. Well, as part of my new job as director of features for the BSKVB Show Games World, I nipped over to Paris a while back to do a feature on how the game was made. It is this trip which forms the body copy (journalist terminology for the 'long bit') of this month's A Day With Dom.

A DAY WITH DOM



Me, Victor (pronounced Veeetor) and Dennis (pronounced Dennis) sitting in France in an office. The window was open, hence my ruffled hair and cheery smile. The wind always brings a smile and a rosy glow to my cheeks.

because I do a lot of work for charities, etc. Now, regular readers (You mean there's more than one of them?) - Ed of my column will know that, a couple of issues ago, I named Chris Evans as my villain of the month. Well... when I met him he was actually very nice and we got on like a house on fire, so respect is long overdue.

Anyway this all took longer than expected, so I had to take the helicopter to the French capital - which is a real pain, especially after a light dinner of red snapper and Chateau Brignoe 78.

Next morning I felt dreadful as I wind my way

through the Parisian backstreets to Delphine Software's offices.

Fact no. 1 - the French use less soap than any other country.

Fact no. 2 - everybody in Paris appears to live in small apartments.

It was a great surprise then to find that Delphine's offices are very large and all the employees smell lovely.

There was the beautiful Anne-Marie, the incredibly friendly Victor (pronounced Veeetor in French) and the dark, swarthy-looking (in a way that only continental types can be) Dennis, who was the very gifted graphic designer of *Flashback* and the subject of my interview.

Anyway, the filming went well, eventually. When you have a graphics designer who speaks a little English with a Scottish bloke who speaks no French or English - there are bound to be teething troubles. I used to try just speaking English in a French accent, which worked in some places, but as soon as I left Luton I was stuck.

Dennis took us through the Rotoscoping technique - filming actors, tracing their images frame by frame and then drawing them into the game and speeding them up. We then filmed some arty 'ciné noir' shots of their offices and the wonderful city that is Paris. I am lucky to have a wonderful camera person and assistant director, who is also my wife, called Mylaney (her name has been changed for security). She directed that Kentucky Fried Chicken ad with Jim Bowen, but doesn't like to talk about it. And

I dropped a one franc coin accidentally when I was walking the streets. If you go to Paris, visit the spot I'm indicating and you'll earn a cash bonus. Who says I'm not generous?

O kay. Get up at a ridiculously early hour (about 9am) to find myself in a hotel room in Paris. Had to travel over late the night before because I was filming a place with Big Breakfast main man and, professional ginger-but Chris Evans. We took each other on at Sleepwalker for good old Comic Relief.



Flashback, eh? What a game. Well, more than a game. It's a way of life for most French people, and several Italians and Spaniards as well.



Gi's yer change, pal! Go on, I've got to get back to the rig before I'm sacked and that wealthy bloke Jim Douglas gets me job!



Paris is full of charming little out-of-the-way bars and cafés. This is not one of them. This is a real dump where I found manaf after a beer.



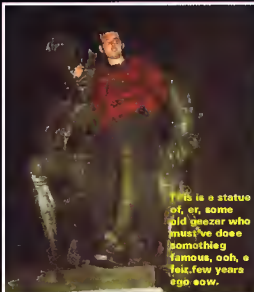
I didn't think much of the French girls. Still, most were friendly, and all had clear eyes, a wat nose and shiny coats. Note also my rather excellent and pretty warm coat. Us Scots really know how to keep warm when we're being chatted up by foreigners.

so, we bid farewell to those wacky Delphine people.

The next stop was a charming little bistro, where we had a light, but satisfying lunch of assorted 'fruits de mer' washed down with a liberal amount of Beaujolais 89. (Contrary to what The Times food critic says, this has a more pungent bouquet than the 88).

After a brisk walk along the Seine I received news that my personal trainer, Anton, was in town for a conference, so I met up with him and we worked off the lunch with a bout of 'Oxygen Deficit Callisthenetics'. The Tokyo stock Exchange was fairly quiet, so, following a tip in that morning's Financial Times, I left instructions with my office to buy anything that had tan Ps in the title.

This left the evening free for Myf and I to meet up with her cousin, Alice, who is an actress and part time mistress of Jacques Dalcroze. This meant we could get in anywhere, so we went to a natty bohemian pub where everybody was speaking in many tongues. The next thing you know, I'm halfway up a statue on the Champs Elysées chanting "If you have a gaming problem, ask Ade." Life, ah?



This is a statue of, er, some old geezer who must've done something famous, ooh, a few few years ago now.

VILLAIN OF THE MONTH



As I felt my bowels swelling with ready-to-press food, I had a premonition that some employment-related jokers was imminent.

In the toilets next to the Eiffel Tower, there sits a woman whose job it is to clean them. Unfortunately she doesn't wait until they are

empty. She'll go in there, come out, and she'll just happen in and start mopping around your ankles as if there's no tomorrow.

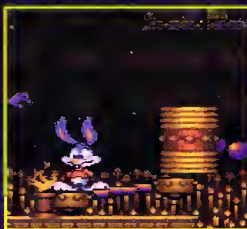
Anyway, the funny thing is - I complained, she got sacked, and now she's sleeping on the streets. You've got to laugh.

DOMINIK'S TOP FIVE



Listen, this isn't a bad game. It's not as bad as *Horace Goes Skiing* on the Spectrum, nor is it as bad as *Everyone's A Wally*, also on the Spectrum. You see, the wheel has come full circle and out of every bad thing some good things appear. Sorry, what a crap capsule this is.

1. **Mutant League Football - Mega Drive** - Well, I think it's good.
2. **Tiny Toons - SNES** - Fluffiness taken to sick extremes.
3. **X-Wing - PC** - Flight-Sim in "I'm not boring" scandal.
4. **Parodius - Game Boy** - The Clothes Show's Best Blaster '93.
5. **Sensible Soccer - Amiga** - Preparing for Sensible World Cup.



Super Tiny Toes Adventures, to give it its proper name is as cute as the tickle fluffly wuffy bunny-wunnies in der tickle pastures.



OK. So it's on the PC. Never mind. It's a great game and certainly worth a massive amount of coverage from yours truly.

CLOSING CREDITS

Steve Carsey. On the credits of the show, Steve is down as 'researcher', but he's much more than that - he's 'researcher with attitude'. His attitude being 'why work 8-hour days, when you can work 12-hour ones for the same pay?'

Steve works harder than anyone else on the show - he organises games, contestants, writes the TV News for this fine time and is almost as good a co-commentator as Jim Douglas.

We look and adore every woman in the world: fancy him, but he stays resolutely faithful to his surprisingly attractive girlfriend Victoria. In this world of falling standards, Steve is a pure shining light in a dark world. (Your! Ed).

CRACK GAME OF THE MONTH

THE LITTLE MERMAID - MEGA DRIVE

My mate Rupert actually fancied the little Mermaid, which I'm sure you'll agree, is sad and more than a little misguided.

But that's nothing compared to the sad people who have bought this 'crap film tie-in / crap Ecco rip-off' extravaganza.

Sega should sleep themselves on the forehead for this one.

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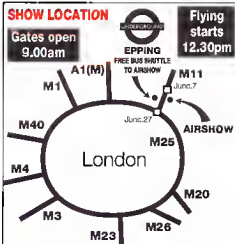
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GAMESMASTER INTERVIEW

FERGUS MCGOVERN: *Diamond-hard fella and main man at Probe.*



Fergus McGovern - ex chartered surveyor and part-time comedian (his one about a dog with a dodgy collarbone is particularly hilarious). In his spare time he's the MD of Probe.

Probe is the biggest game developer in Europe and produces more games for Sega and Nintendo systems than any other games company apart from, er, Sega and Nintendo. Its past hits (originals or conversions) include *Out Run*, *Robocop 3*, *Sim City*, *Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles 2*, *Golden Axe*, *Terminator*, *Smash TV*, *Alien 3*, *Lemmings*, etc.

The programming team currently has around 20 games on the go. The firm's dynamic young MD Fergus McGovern relaxes in his London offices as he recalls some rather less glamorous beginnings.

"My next door neighbours got involved in the computer industry almost by accident and sort of pulled me in with them. They went over to the States quite a lot. When they went over there, friends used to ask them to buy software, as it was much cheaper over there. They sort of drifted into becoming software distributors. I became their first employee. They gave me a few games. I began to play around with the hardware and software and got more into it."

His neighbours business grew until they combined their initials to form P&P which became one of the largest computer distributors in Europe. Fergus went on to form Probe. Like the song says, everybody needs good neighbours.

Probe started as a sideline for Fergus. He drifted into the crazy world of chartered surveying. In the mean time a friend of his had started writing games for old 8 bit micros like the Amstrad CPC but was having problems with publishers. "I said, 'Look, why

don't I put a bit of money into these games, do a bit of marketing and we'll publish them ourselves."

Probe was born and five games appeared on the label in the mid 80s, but it was not an earth shattering event. Then, while Fergus was still playing at chartered surveying, Probe released *Devil's Crown* and found themselves with a genuine hit on their hands.

Not that it didn't take a bit of pushing. With no real reputation behind him, Fergus found it difficult to get through to the key software buyers. So, one day, he drove to the head offices of all the big chain stores with a dwarf dressed as a devil who would run into the buyers' offices, do cartwheels on their desks, let off fire crackers and leave a copy of the game. The bizarre stunt worked and *Devil's Crown* took off.

"I was still working at this building company at that time. One day a call came through from WH Smiths' wanting to place an order for 10,000 units of the game. Obviously the switch board told them they had the wrong number. Smiths persisted. Eventually the fact they kept calling back got up to the Directors.

"I was called up and the top man told me he was a bit puzzled because WH Smiths kept calling. I was over the moon. That was the end of my surveying."

Surveying's loss was the game market's gain as Probe came to life. Fergus decided to operate,

however, as a developer, not a publisher. "I didn't fancy competing with the big firms. I felt we were better suited to developing, so I gave up publishing."

The firm began doing a lot of work for US Gold

JELLY BOY - MOULDING THE DREAM



One dream has already become a reality in the shape of a Probe designed game called *Jelly Boy*. Fergus reckons it could become a cultie platform classic and he's already got all the major cartridge publishers in the world chasing the rights to publish.

Jelly Boy is a little pink character

(like a friendly, fat-size Mr Blobby) who can morph into 27 shapes when he runs across certain icons. He can be a balloon, a hammer, a rocket, etc.

He has to explore a variety of worlds including Toy World, Astec World, Space World and Desert World collecting fruit, musical notes and keys

along the way. His wibbly wobbly body is actually a weapon as his stomach moulds into a fist which he can throw out at enemies.

Okay, it all sounds rather bizarre, but then, who'd have thought that the adventures of a New York plumber or a superponic hedgehog would work?

Fergus has high hopes for the game which, no matter who publishes it, is certain to appear on most major console formats before the end of the year and create a whole lot of interest.

Fergus admits that *Jelly Boy* is a very commercial game which draws inspiration from existing games like *Mario* and *Sonic*. But, he is keen to stress that Probe is also getting



Here we have Jelly Boy in a couple of his more normal looking guises, as straightforward Jelly Boy and Jelly Boy with mask. However...



He can also turn into a helicopter and punch with his tummy!



JB with costumes that entirely friendly eskimo type gentlemen.

and hit the big time in the late 80s with the classic racing game, *Out Run*. "It's huge sales gave us the clout to recruit the best programmers."

Despite providing the breakthrough into the big time, *Out Run* is not one of the golden moments Fergus picks out as highlights from the Probe softography. His favourites include *Supremacy*, the conversion of *Sim City* and on old title - *Metro Cross*.

He admits that there have been a few titles that he now looks back on and cringes but, curiously, when asked to name names, his mind goes blank.

The mental fog begins to lift as he moves on to talk about some of the work in progress. It is these titles, he claims that he is proudest of, as collectively he believes they represent the best stable of games Probe has ever been asked to bring to market.

"They're the best because publishers' priorities are changing. It used to be all about hitting deadlines. Now, it's about quality. Publishers are happy to say to us 'take your time, make sure it's right' and obviously the product that we end up with is better."

All the titles currently being worked on at Probe Towers are on cartridge or CD. Fergus has taken the decision to drop all home computer formats.

"Programmers don't want to work on them any more. They're excited by things like the Mega Drive and the Super NES. And, also, that's where the money's to be made at the moment."

He is now looking forward to the challenge of CD and is working on some titles for Sega's Mega CD. What worries him is the type of software being produced on CD. "A lot of it looks nice and sounds nice, but are they games? It's all very well combining video images with incredible sound, but you've got to get a game in there as well."

He is, however, optimistic about the future.

"Once people get to grips with the CD environment, we're going to see some incredible products."

Among the highlights of Probe's future releases is bound to be *Mortal Kombat*. Due for release this autumn, it is already being put forward as a *Streetfighter 2* beater. Probe is doing the Mega CD Mega Drive, Master System, Game Gear and Game Boy versions, while in a head-to-head, a US team is doing the Super NES and NES versions. Fergus has seen his rival's efforts and has no hesitation in describing them as "first class".



"The most important things at Probe are the people," says Fergus of his team. He also has a tendency to say "okay" rather frequently, but we won't hold that against him.

He is even quicker, however, to claim that the Mega Drive version will beat the SNES version - "for lots of reasons, it's smoother, the graphics look brighter and, of course, it's a Probe game."

Other standouts that Fergus is able to talk about include the Master System, Game Gear, NES and Game Boy versions of *Dracula*, due to be published by Sony soon, and while they don't contain as much blood, gore and sexy happenings as the movie, they are looking pretty spectacular. *The Incredible Hulk* is also progressing well along the Probe pipeline.

Making up a pretty substantial part of the rest of Probe's current portfolio are a number of projects that the firm is working on in conjunction with Disney and Warner Brothers.

Probe is putting some of the firm's famous char-

acters into their own games and the work in progress that we saw (no names, no pack drill, whatever pack drill is) looked extremely promising with amazing animation even on machines like the Master System.

All these games, like most of the games currently occupying the Probe staff (it's strong, at least count) were commissioned by a publisher. Probe is told to convert this arcade game, that film or a hit on another format. This firm has creative input, but it must still work to guidelines.

To counter this, Fergus is looking to build up the amount of original games developed by Probe.

He is already setting aside time and staff to be locked away with development machines, given plenty of time and told to come up with the game they always dreamed of.

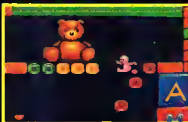
involved in some seriously off-the-wall projects. "That's the idea of putting people in a room with no knowledge system for a year; who knows what weird and wonderful things they'll come up with. We're anxious to inject a little more originality into software. There is too much of a tendency to copy hit formulas. At Probe we sometimes get accused of being a production line and to a certain extent we do churn product out.

"But that's because there are so many of us. The individual programmers aren't churning stuff out, they're spending a year or more on a labour of love - whether that be something done from a commercial point of view like *Mortal Kombat* and *Jelly Boy* or something a little more way out."

Probe is already established as Europe's leading developer of cartridges and with commissioned aureline hits like *Mortal Kombat*, Probe originals like *Jelly Boy*, plus a willingness to take risks with less obviously commercial games, Fergus doesn't seem at all keen to give up the title.



And now he's a hammer! (We can actually see that, thanks. - Ed).



And now he's turned into, er, a little boy made out of jelly!



Now he's turned into a cannon! Note the vertical planes. (7)



This bit looks a little like *Brat* from *Mirrorsoft* which, incidentally, had one of the worst marketing campaigns known to man.

THE ENORMOUS GAMESMAS GIVEAWAY!

Alright it's prize overload here at GamesMaster this month with, well, how can we describe it? An impossible number of very lovely things that you can have for free, providing that you can correctly answer our tongue-lolling easy questions.

"So, why," the more inquisitive and maybe a little nosy among you will be asking, "are Ocean giving away this parody of prizes?" Well, it's perfectly simple. Ocean are the undisputed kings of movie licence games, and they're so goddamned pleased with their latest line-up of box office bignies that they'd like to share some of their cinematic cheeriness with you!

The three movie-related outings at this very moment being polished and prepped for nationwide release in Ocean's top security nuclear tasting and programming bunker (or something) are *Lethal Weapon*, *Addams Family 2 - Pugsley's Scavenger Hunt* and *Universal Monsters*, each of them taking a different, erm, take on the movie theme.

Lethal Weapon is an all-out action fest with our old pals Riggs and Murtagh battling through perilous crack-packed levels and using their guns rather a lot. *Addams Family 2* is a brand new platform-based arcade adventure game based around the cartoon exploits of weirdy Addams kid Pugsley, and *Universal Monsters* is a return to the infuriatingly addictive style of classic games like *Head Over Heels* and (for the really sad types out there) *Knight Lore* in celebration of the six (six!) Universal Monsters: Dracula,

Frankenstein's Monster, Mrs Frankenstein's Monster, The Mummy, Wolfman and the Creature from the Black Lagoon.

And the prizes we've got are as follows. There's a completely top Lethal Weapon jacket, as worn by Mel Gibson on the set of the movies (well, one a bit like him, we imagine). We've got Lethal Weapon hats, as worn by Weapon helmer Richard Donner (perhaps). We've got boxed sets of all three Lethal Weapon movies as, ar, watched on video by the stars of the movies (*Do come along!* - Ed).

And there are monster movie vids, *Addams Family* vids and a rather special book full of illustrations from the original *Addams Family* cartoon strip which appeared in some American newspaper. V. rare and great.

Also, in celebration of forthcoming soccer smash FA Premier League, we've got two full and completely real football kits to be won. Well, we haven't actually got them, because they'll be the kits of your choice, you see. Brilliant!

And all you have to do to enter is answer the questions, fill in the form below and then send it to: Ocean Explosions! GamesMaster Magazine, Future Publishing, 29 Monmouth Street, Bath BA1 2DL.

THE QUESTIONS

We've had thousands of complaints from the Prime Minister and NASA saying that we're clogging the planet's mail systems with the trillions of entries to our competitions. So we've

decided, half way through the competition not to make the questions particularly easy at all. Good luck.

- 1** Name the movie recently released about a sleazy photographer starring Lethal 2 & 3 co-star and completely great actor Joe Pesci?
- 2** Name the space-beed game in the Knight Lore series.
- 3** In the movie *The Player*, Anjelica Huston who plays Morticia in the *Addams Family* is seen leaving a lunch meeting with a young movie star. Name him.
- 4** Michael Caine, star of wartime football escape movie *Escape to Victory* gets kidnapped in brilliant thriller *Iceberg*. To which town do his captors take him?
- 5** Bruce Willis out of Hudson Hawk also stars as Most Rock Hard Bloke On The Planet, Joe Hellunkab in *The Last Boy Scout*. What is his nickname related motto?

RULES 'N' THINGS

The competition closes on the 15 May 1993. No one from Future Publishing or Ocean can enter. The Editor's decision is crushingly final and no correspondence will be entered into. And we can't return any of your drawings, but there is a prize for each one shown. No, sorry, that's something else.

THAT PRIZE BREAKDOWN IN, AH, FULL

1ST PRIZE

One Lethal Weapon Jacket, a Lethal Weapon hat, a boxed set of all three Lethal Weapon Vids, a copy of the *Addams Family* on video, a special limited edition book of original *Addams Family* cartoon drawings, a pair of Monster videos, and a football strip of your choice!

2ND PRIZE

A Lethal Weapon hat, a boxed set of all three Lethal Weapon Vids, a copy of the *Addams Family* on video, a pair of Monster videos, and a football strip of your choice.

3RD PRIZE

A Lethal Weapon hat, a boxed set of the Lethal Videos, a copy of *Addams Family*, also on video, and a pair of Monster videos.

4th & 5th PRIZES

A Lethal Weapon hat, *Addams Family* on video and a football strip of your choice.



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If I win, I'd like the football strip of (Insert UK team).

My chest size is

OUS STER OCEAN





A Mega CD, er, (Now don't even think about saying "yesterday" - Ed) with a copy of disc sensation, Heavy Nova, proving that CD technology is finally here. Yesterday. (Get out! - Ed).

So you know that you never get ahead by standing still. So do Ford and Coca Cola, but they're not really relevant here. What's certain, though, is that the Mega CD is something which will take gaming into the, er, future.

So what is the Mega CD? Well it's the same thing as the CD Sega, the Sega Compact Disc, the Mega Drive CD ROM. People seem to call it different things just to be hard and "street". Well GamesMaster is rock hard and we call it the Mega CD, as do Sega, who can also handle themselves in a fight.

The machine sits underneath your Mega Drive and is attached through a side connector which locks it into place. This is how the two machines talk to each other (which they can do at quite a rate).

The CDs are the same as the standard music ones, such as The Wishing Chair by 10,000 Maniacs. But obviously, the data isn't decoded to produce sounds, but remains digital in the form of 68000 data (just like you'll find in any Mega Drive cart).

The amount of information on one CD is impressive. 650 megabytes, or enough to hold all the Mega

Drive games ever produced on that one disc. Obviously, this means that you can either have several games on each disc or, more likely, one incredibly massive game, which can still sprawl around and invite all its friends in for coffee and a bit of a dance.

The CD unit has its own Central Processing Unit (CPU) so it's as powerful as the Mega Drive that it sits under. This means that the Mega Drive can get on with the job of playing the games, while the CD unit can deal with all the CD operations.

But there are more nice bits inside. Custom chips (such as those you find in the Amiga or SNES) are built into the Mega CD, which means that certain sprite scaling and rotation techniques can happen at great speed.

It all sounds dead sexy, a bit like that one off Baywatch, but there are slight snags. Although CDs cost under a quid to make, the production costs of the games means that they'll probably be the same price as carts are now. Prices will change in the future, though, and they can only go down.

SLICK DISC

Sega's Mega CD is here at last! But is it actually, er, any good? Andy, Les and James decide.

SEWER SHARK



Hopefully these aren't the sewers below Ade's house. That is one place we couldn't clear.

This is one of the best CD games yet released. In *Sewer Shark* you control a ship that has been given the less than glorious job of wiping out all the mutant creatures and hydrogen gas in the sewer network. You and your attitude-packed, wish-cracking copilot have to contend with over-ambitious team mates and crooked sewer administrators to get the job done.

The game features some lightning fast graphics as you speed through the sewers shooting everything that moves. The extra power of the CD unit is utilised to provide an incredible movie like fast to the game.

The soundtrack to *Sewer Shark* is great as well - atmospheric music and speech are used in animated sequences which look like they come from the rumoured movie of the same name.

This is one to look out for when it comes out, as it offers the total package - amazing graphics, brilliant sound and gameplay that oozes appeal.



Your over-enthusiastic copilot shouts and huris abuse at you throughout the game. Impressive, huh?



What show offs. The introduction goes on for ages and is well worth watching - It's just like the game is talking to you. (Er, it is? - Ed).

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

There are a couple of phone ports on the back of the Mega CD. These will enable you to plug in a lead to your hi-fi system. The machine is then capable of playing ordinary music CDs perfectly.

The only bummer is that there are no buttons on the machine, so you have to carry out all the functions using the Mega Drive joystick. If you don't have a hi-fi, you can still hear your fave "sounds" through the telly's speaker.

The Mega CD does have all the usual features such as program selection, repeat and random play. And a real bonus is the machine's ability to play CD+G discs.

CD+G discs are compact discs with graphics which you can watch while you're listening, and they're quite rare, unfortunately. A good one, though, is New York by Lou Reed, which has some smashing lyrics and nice guitar-playing. (Er, thanks, James - Ed).

JUDGEMENT 85%

NIGHT TRAP



Ah hello, I'm just here to save your life, so don't mind me. Oh you want me out of your bathroom? Okay - you're the boss.

Another great CD release. It seems the Japanese were a bit out of luck when the Mega CD was released over there. All they had were a few very average games to go with it, but now the unit is starting to get some really good stuff. The publisher's tell us the game has over an hour and a half of game play.

like *Night Trap* can back them up. You are a member of a SCAT team and have to monitor the eight different locations in this house and activate traps to catch intruders. These intruders are after the lovely Lisa and her friends. One of the char-



These are the Auzs. They're not members of Mensa and are obviously suffering under the influence of some mind altering substances.

acters in the game is played by the girl who played Phil Drummond's daughter in *Different Strokes*. The video footage is impressive to say the least. The same goes for the speech and effects.

The gameplay can become a little repetitive at times but the atmosphere that it creates is unbelievably good.

A fine game with some rather tasty graphics. Another of the best games around for this system - and another 'must have'.



Er, excuse me but this is a video game, so can you get back to the movie you came from. Oh this is the movie of the game, spooky.



Babes galore, no wonder this was popular in the G.M. office. Ads's still after her phone no.

JUDGEMENT 85%

HOOK

Hook on the CD is little more than your average platform game. It does, however, have a stunning soundtrack, which gives the impression that a lot of work has been done on it - and it sounds just like the movie. The music is a pounding classical soundtrack which shows off what the CD can do. There is a little out-of-speech included, but it doesn't exactly push the envelope.

The graphics are just bog-standard Mega Drives. Even the introduction and between-level screens (normally where movie footage and the like are shown) are plain. This is the perfect example of how this new format can be abused. A rehash of an older movie with a little added music. Avoid it - like most people, did the movie.

JUDGEMENT 50%

SHERLOCK HOLMES CONSULTING DETECTIVE

This game has already appeared on a couple of other CD formats and is proving popular. You take on the role of the great detective and have to solve three crimes - *The Mummy's Curse*, *The Mysterious Murderer* and *The Tin Soldier*.

As you would expect *Sherlock Holmes Consulting Detective* is a puzzle with speech and video sequences that are really impressive.

This game will appeal to you most if you've got a bit of time to kill, although if you prefer your games to be exciting and action-packed, this is probably the last game on Earth you'll want to play. I can see older people loving having to put their wits against the computer, but the rest of us would prefer something different.

JUDGEMENT 75%

WHAT DO YOU GET?

Ever keen to give the punter good VFM, Sega have produced a bundle pack for the Mega CD, with a load of games, all bundled in with the CD. (That's a bit obvious, isn't it?) For your £269.99 you will get a Mega CD, a four in-one Sega Classics CD, which features such, er, classics as *Golden Axe*, *Columns*, *Revenge of Shinobi* and *Streets of Rage*. You also get *Soft Foe*, which is not such an amazing cartridge game, though it has a great soundtrack. And finally you get the shoot 'em up, *Cobra Command*.

Once you've worked your way through that little lot, there should be a further 20 new titles out for the system by the autumn. And now you know where to come for all your Mega CD reviews!



Here the great Gilius Thunderhead shows off his chopper in *Golden Axe*.



Columns - and not a sight of Dominik's anywhere you'll be glad to hear.



Revenge of Shinobi - knitting ninjas in one of the oldest Sega games around.



Streets of Rage - Axel gives this guy what for. Without gratuitous violence, of course.



Soft Foe - great sound, shame about the game. No wonder they're giving it away.

The poster features a central yellow rectangular box with a black border. Above the box, there are four small, colorful illustrations: a cartoon character with a large eye, a character in a red suit, a character in a blue suit, and a character in a green suit. The background of the poster is a collage of various Amiga-related images, including a computer monitor, a keyboard, and a mouse. The text 'AMIGA' is in large, bold, blue letters, and 'FORMAT' is in smaller, bold, blue letters. 'Live '93' is written in a red, cursive font. Below the box, the text 'WEMBLEY EXHIBITION CENTRE' and '7TH - 9TH MAY 1993' is written in black, bold, sans-serif font. The bottom half of the poster has a large, bold, black text 'So you play Amiga games - seriously?' and a yellow banner at the bottom with the word 'WIN' in red, bold, sans-serif font.

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Arcadia - no, not the district of Southern Greece in Central Peloponnese. This Arcadia is a far-away place somewhere between Heaven and Earth. A place where mountains of arcade machines of the past, present and future are eternally on freeplay. But only for the GamesMaster team. Let us tell you of the here and now...

ARCADIA

COCA COLA SUZUKA 8 HOURS (Namco)

Remember *Hang On?* The arcade game with this plastic motorbike that you sat on and you leaned to turn the bike on screen? Well, little has changed since those days, except that now machines are linked together so you can race against your mates. *Coca Cola Suzuka 8 Hours* it's sponsored by those fizzy pop people) is far from exceptional in any department, but leaning for real to take the bends is a laugh, and the fun increases when more than one player is involved. You can expect to pay around 50p or a quid at most, and you will probably last for five minutes or so.



Excellent cycle-straddling thrills are yours for a mere 50p in Suzuka.

VIRTUA RACING (Sega)

We make no apologies for mentioning this one again. Racing simulations cannot get any more believable than *Virtua Racing*. Let's hope that future releases feature some interesting race 'n' chase scenarios to go with the incredible visuals. A quid tops should

secure you four minutes or thereabouts of riotous revolutionary racing.

GALAXIAN 3 (Namco)

Wow, *Galaxian 3* is such a meaty beast that it's played in its own six-seater theatre. In terms of raw playability, *Galaxian 3* isn't far removed from *Galaxians*. How can? What sets this new blaster apart is the overwhelming visual and aural, erm... 'experiential', men. The screen is massive (around 12 feet by seven) and all the scenery is an impressive high definition computer creation which actually succeeds (for once) to generate the feeling of being involved in a science fiction film. The surrounding sound system is set to the max, and the CD-quality soundtrack is littered with beefy noises and atmospheric speech to give you on.

Up to six players can take part simultaneously in an action-packed shoot 'em up reminiscent of sections of a Star Wars flick. An introductory sequence sets the scene and your craft is shot into space. As one of the gunners on this battleship on some unknown mission to destroy everything, you use a handset with firebuttons to control a cursor on the screen. Waves of aliens appear all over the shop and you shoot them before they shoot you. It's as simple as that. If more than one player is involved, the scores are ranked as you play, so there's an incentive to perform better than whoever's sitting next to you.

It's a doozy. Enough said. At present there's only one *Galaxian 3* Theatre in England, and that's in London, at Funland in the Trocadero

Centre, Piccadilly Square. *Galaxian 3* will set you back a couple of quid, but even the most rubbish players will feel as if they've had their money's worth.

LETHAL ENFORCERS (Konami)

Blasters with 'real' guns connected to the cabinet haven't really progressed much since *Operation Wolf* first got the bell ringing.

Lethal Enforcers is for one or two players. The plastic guns chained to the cabinet look about as realistic as sticks, but the rock hard action is pure and simple Dirty Harry all the way, and the playability is top notch. You progress through six levels - effectively 'acts' with 'scenes' - such as a hijack situation, blowing away the bad guys and gals but not wasting the innocent.

Fortunately, ammunition is limitless - you rallied by pointing the gun away from the screen (did it whenever you get the chance - preferably between shots).

The digitised scenery and characters look a little rough, but the heavy-weight sound effects are more than adequate compensation. And remember: it's all very well shooting characters on a television screen, but killing people with real guns is not big, hard, clever or grown up. By the way,

Lethal Enforcers will set you back 60p or a quid a shot, so to speak, and your average punter can look forward to playing for a couple of minutes.

ARCADE CHARTS!

The most played releases for March 1993, as compiled by Funland, The Trocadero Centre, 13 Coventry Street, Piccadilly Circus, London W1V 7FE.

THE TOP FIVE DEDICATED VIDEO GAME MACHINES

1. *Virtua Racing* Sega
2. *Coca Cola Suzuka 8 Hours* Namco
3. *Wild Pilot* Jaleco
4. *Lethal Enforcers* Konami
5. *Mortal Kombat* Midway

THE TOP FIVE PINTABLES

1. *White Waters* Williams
2. *The Creature from the Black Lagoon* Bally
3. *Terminator 2* Bally
4. *Dr Who* Bally
5. *Fish Tails* Williams

FINAL LAP 3 (Namco)

Racing simulations are a perennial favourite. Why, there seem to be more of them than any other type of machine these days. *Final Lap 3* is yet another addition to the continually growing (and throbbing) Formula Dns style - as they say - 'genre'. It features four circuits (England, France, San Marino and Spain) to race around and comes in two incarnations of cabinet. The upright version is fair - say no more. The sit-down machine however is the place to be, especially when it's linked to seven other cabinets occupied by your pals. Its seat moves when you accelerate or brake, like taking a certain, ah... 'something' to the racing action.

It must be said that in the light of *Virtua Racing*, *Final Lap 3* is no big deal. But it's certainly worth playing

when the *Virtua Racing* machines are all bagged. *Final Lap 3* should cost you a quid at most to play, and a newcomer is looking at about three minutes' worth for the price.



PINTABLE PERFORMANCE

All the nice girls like a pintable, so they say. And all the nice boys do too, for that matter.

Three new (ish) machines out and about at the moment and worth a look are Bally's *The Creature from the Black Lagoon* (featuring a holographic version of the Universal Monster itself), Bally's *Dr Who* (featuring the tacky TV tunes, Tardis noises, The Master and a 'tasteful' artist's impression of all seven Doctors on the cabinet) and Williams' *White Waters* (lots of pleasant water sounds and a mad Big Foot monster make themselves known in this follow up to *Fish Tails*).

Also keep 'em peeled for these two older favourites: Bally's *The Addams Family* (terrific fun with speech and sounds straight from the film) and - yes! - Gottlieb's *Super Mario Bros* Mushroom World (excellent, especially as the table's legs are adjustable to suit dwarves). Gottlieb's *Streetsfighter 2* pintable on the other hand will come as a disap-

pointment to addicts of the beat-em-up. You were warned.



What on earth has happened to Chun Li? She's not even Chinese any more! Oh dear.

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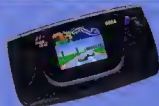
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Very distinctive from all the Anime stuff, Ultraman is a LIVE ACTION movie, which means that greater levels

of realism than ever before can be experienced as our do-gooding hero battles dinosaurs, space fiends and fighter planes in his quest to banish evil from earth.

But what strange force do we have to thank for Ultraman's presence here in the UK? What mystical power has brought him here? An enormous radioactive meteorite perhaps, or maybe a cigar-shaped object, darting across the sky. No. It's Island World Communications who are top international video folk and have brought

hundreds of thousands of copies of Ultraman's new movie - Ultraman: The Alien Invasion over here to blighty for your enjoyment.

Such is the generosity of the folk at Island World that we're able to bring you this thrilling Ultraman competition! We've got 100 copies of the video to give away, and completely brilliant Ultraman arm, action figures (Are you sure you don't mean "dolls"? - Ed). And all you have to do to win is answer a couple of oh-so-easy questions.

Send the completed form to:
Ultraman Compo, GamesMaster,
Future Publishing, 29 Monmouth
Street, Bath BA1 2DL.

QUESTIONS

1) Ultraman was filmed where:

- a) Australia
- b) Japan
- c) Korea

2) Which is not a real Japanese city?

- a) Tokyo
- b) Osaka
- c) Hong Kong

3) Ultraman has been turned into a SNES game. True or False?

RULES

No-one from Future Publishing or Island World Communications are eligible for entry. The ad's decision is final. All entries must reach us by 16 May 1993.

Send your entry coupon on the back of a postcard or sealed-down envelope to: Ultraman! GamesMaster Magazine,

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- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

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Yes. It's that time again! Time for us to pry, inquire, snoop and dig into all your personal details, just for our own information. Shocking, isn't it? You'd think we'd have something better to do with our time, but you'd be wrong. However, in case you thought that this was an entirely nose-parker sort of situation, it's worth remembering that by filling in this form and telling us loads about yourself, it'll help us make GM even better, and even more full of the things you're interested in.

So, get out your biro and get scribbling. Once you've done, send your completed form to **GamesMaster Survey, QRS, Dept FP1, The Old Brewery, 1 Coopers Lane, Potters Bar, Herts, EN6 4AG.**

(10) 1 Are you...

(1) ☐ Male (2) ☐ Female

(11) 2 Please indicate your age here...

(1) ☐ 25 or over (2) ☐ 20-24
(3) ☐ 17-19 (4) ☐ 16
(5) ☐ 15 (6) ☐ 14
(7) ☐ 13 (8) ☐ 12
(9) ☐ 11 (10) ☐ 10 and under

(12) 3 From which of these sources do you receive most of your money?

(1) ☐ Regular full-time job
(2) ☐ Regular part-time job
(3) ☐ Pocket money / allowance from parents
(4) ☐ College Grant
(5) ☐ Social Security / dole money
(6) ☐ No money received

(13) 4 Please tell us how much this comes to in an average month.

(1) ☐ £1500 or more (2) ☐ £1000-£1499
(3) ☐ £750-£999 (4) ☐ £500-£749
(5) ☐ £300-£499 (6) ☐ £200-£299
(7) ☐ £100-£199 (8) ☐ £50-£99
(9) ☐ £20-£49 (10) ☐ Under £20

5 On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 meaning not at all, 5 meaning very) please tell us how much you enjoy the following activities.

	1	2	3	4	5
(14) Paying to watch sports	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>
(15) Playing sports	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>
(16) Going to the cinema	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>
(17) Watching TV	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>
(18) Watching hired / bought videos	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>
(19) Going to the pub	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>
(20) Going to clubs / gigs	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>

(21) Reading books, mags or comics (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐ (5) ☐
(22) Mountain Biking (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐ (5) ☐
(23) Playing video games (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐ (5) ☐

6 Which sports do you enjoy paying to watch and which of them do you play yourself?

	Watch (24)	Play (25)
Soccer	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>
Rugby Union or League	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>
Cricket	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>
Squash	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>
Basketball	(6) <input type="checkbox"/>	(6) <input type="checkbox"/>
American Football	(7) <input type="checkbox"/>	(7) <input type="checkbox"/>
Snooker / Pool	(8) <input type="checkbox"/>	(8) <input type="checkbox"/>
Athletics	(9) <input type="checkbox"/>	(9) <input type="checkbox"/>
Weightlifting / Body Building	(10) <input type="checkbox"/>	(10) <input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming	(11) <input type="checkbox"/>	(11) <input type="checkbox"/>
Road Cycling	(12) <input type="checkbox"/>	(12) <input type="checkbox"/>
Mountain Biking	(13) <input type="checkbox"/>	(13) <input type="checkbox"/>

(26) 7 Which of the following types of music do you like?

(1) ☐ Rave / Dance (2) ☐ Heavy metal
(3) ☐ Rap (4) ☐ Reggae
(5) ☐ Chert (6) ☐ Rock
(7) ☐ Movie Soundtracks

(27) 8 Please name your favourite singer/group...

9 About how many of the following have you bought in the last month?

	More than 10	6-10	3-5	1or2	0
(28) CDs	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>
(29) CD singles	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>
(30) LPs	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>
(31) Vinyl singles	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>
(32) Pre-recorded Cassettes	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>
(33) Blank cassettes	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>

10 About how many pre-recorded videos and blank videos have you bought in the last month?

	More than 10	6-10	3-5	1or2	0
(34) Pre-recorded videos	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>
(35) Blank videos	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>
(36) Video games	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>	(4) <input type="checkbox"/>	(5) <input type="checkbox"/>

11 Which of the following do you have in your home? Please also mark if you own them yourself? Which of them (if any) did you get new last year, either as a gift or bought by yourself?

	Have in home	Own yourself	New last year
(37) Personal stereo	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>
(38) Portable radio	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>
(39) Portable radio / tape player	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>
(40) Midi, Mini Hi-Fi system with CD	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>
(41) Midi, Mini Hi-Fi system without CD	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>
(42) Racked Hi-Fi system with CO	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>
(43) Racked Hi-Fi system without CD	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>
(44) Hi-Fi separates	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>
(45) Television	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>
(46) VCR	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>
(47) Camcorder	(1) <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) <input type="checkbox"/>	(3) <input type="checkbox"/>

(48) 12 Do you have satellite or cable TV at home?

(1) ☐ No - Neither (2) ☐ Yes - Cable
(3) ☐ Yes - Satellite dish

13 On the days when you play video games, how many hours on average do you spend listening to the

radio, watching TV and playing games?

(49) Play games (50) Watch TV (51) Listen to radio

4 hours or more (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐

2 or 3 hours (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐

No more than 1 hour (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐

(52) **14 Which of these radio / TV stations have you listened to / watched in the last week?**

(1) ☐ Capital FM (2) ☐ Radio 1 FM

(3) ☐ Atlantic 252 (4) ☐ Independent local FM Radio

(5) ☐ MTV (6) ☐ Sky Sports

(7) ☐ Movie Channel (8) ☐ Sky Movies Plus

(9) ☐ Sky One (10) ☐ BBC1

(11) ☐ BBC2 (12) ☐ TV

(13) ☐ Channel 4

15 Thinking about your radio and TV viewing Monday to Friday, please mark the times of day that you usually listen / watch (if you go to school or college, think about during term-time).

(53) Listen to radio (54) Watch the TV

7-9am (1) ☐ (2) ☐

9-12noon (2) ☐ (3) ☐

Noon-1pm (3) ☐ (4) ☐

1-4pm (4) ☐ (5) ☐

4-6pm (5) ☐ (6) ☐

6-8pm (6) ☐ (7) ☐

8-11pm (7) ☐ (8) ☐

After 11pm (8) ☐ (9) ☐

16 And thinking about your radio listening / TV viewing on Saturdays and Sundays please mark the times when you usually listen / watch.

Saturday Sunday

(55) Radio (56) TV (57) Radio (58) TV

7-9am (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐

9-12noon (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐ (5) ☐

Noon-1pm (3) ☐ (4) ☐ (5) ☐ (6) ☐

1-4pm (4) ☐ (5) ☐ (6) ☐ (7) ☐

4-6pm (5) ☐ (6) ☐ (7) ☐ (8) ☐

6-8pm (6) ☐ (7) ☐ (8) ☐ (9) ☐

8-11pm (7) ☐ (8) ☐ (9) ☐ (10) ☐

After 11pm (8) ☐ (9) ☐ (10) ☐ (11) ☐

(59) **17 Which of the following magazines do you read regularly?**

(1) ☐ Shoot (2) ☐ Match

(3) ☐ 90 Minutes (4) ☐ Viz

(5) ☐ Smash Hits (6) ☐ Big

(7) ☐ TV Hits (8) ☐ Look In

(9) ☐ Just 17 (10) ☐ Judge Oredd

(11) ☐ 2000AO (12) ☐ Fast Forward

(13) ☐ Select (14) ☐ O

(15) ☐ Vox (16) ☐ Empire

(17) ☐ MBLUK

18 Please tell us which of the following bank, building society and post office accounts you have. Then tell us which you opened in the last year.

Bank current account (1) ☐ (2) ☐

Bank deposit / savings account (3) ☐ (4) ☐

Building society current account (5) ☐ (6) ☐

Building society deposit / savings account (7) ☐ (8) ☐

Post Office Girobank account (9) ☐ (10) ☐

Post Office Savings account (11) ☐ (12) ☐

19 For the following items please mark which you have either bought or received during the last year. Then tell us about how much you yourself have spent on each in the last year.

(62) Bought / received in the last year

(1) ☐ Trainers / Sports shoes (2) ☐ Other shoes / boots

(3) ☐ Other sports clothing (4) ☐ Sport equipment

(5) ☐ Jeans (6) ☐ Other trousers

(7) ☐ Shirts (8) ☐ T-Shirts

(9) ☐ Sweat shirts (10) ☐ Baseball caps

(11) ☐ Watches

Amount spent by yourself in the last year

Under £20 £20-£49 £50-99 £100+

(63) Trainers / Sports shoes (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐

(64) Other shoes / boots (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐

(65) Other sports clothing (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐

(66) Sports equipment (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐

(67) Jeans (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐

(68) Other trousers (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐

(69) Shirts (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐

(70) T-Shirts (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐

(71) Sweat shirts (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐

(72) Baseball caps (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐

(73) Watches (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐

20 About how many packets, etc, of the

following snacks do you eat / drink during an average week?

10+ 6-10 3-5 1or2 Nona

(74) Crisps (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐ (5) ☐

(75) Sweets (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐ (5) ☐

(76) Chocolate bars (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐ (5) ☐

(77) Gum (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐ (5) ☐

(78) Fizzy drinks (1) ☐ (2) ☐ (3) ☐ (4) ☐ (5) ☐

(79) **21 Which of the following fast food restaurants have you been to in the last 3 months?**

(1) ☐ McDonalds (2) ☐ Burger King

(3) ☐ Other Burger chain (4) ☐ Pizzaland

(5) ☐ Pizza Hut (6) ☐ Perfect Pizza

(7) ☐ KFC Express (8) ☐ Spud-U-Like

(80) **22 Which of the following items do you use on a regular basis?**

(1) ☐ Aftershave or perfume (2) ☐ Toothpaste

(3) ☐ Mouthwash / breath freshener (4) ☐ Oodorant

(5) ☐ Skin care products (6) ☐ Hair gel

(7) ☐ Hair mousse (8) ☐ Hair spray

(9) ☐ Shower gel (10) ☐ Shampoo

(11) ☐ Hair conditioner (12) ☐ Electric shaver

(13) ☐ Wet razor (14) ☐ Shaving cream

(15) ☐ Shaving gel

23 Finally, thinking of GamesMaster magazine, please tell us what your opinions of the following sections are. On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 meaning not at all, and 5 meaning very much) please let us know how much you enjoy reading them.

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It's gmat. You can blow up public buildings and everything. Perfect for those who have a problem with authority. Like that bloke in the back yesterday, Jim. Remember? The mad-looking one with the turtly hair.

SYNDICATE

FROM - BULLFROG
FOR - AMIGA

PRICE - £25.99
AVAILABLE - MAY

You'd be forgiven for thinking Bullfrog have been a bit quiet recently. But it's not the case. The Gullford-based team of jeans-wearers have been coding furiously and drinking loads of coffee.

Syndicate is one of the results. It's a futuristic sort of God game in which the world is being fought over by giant corporations. Once they ruled the world peacefully, co-existing like Pepsi and Coke, or Reebok and Nike.

But then the Corporation Wars happened. Everybody fell out and the world had the sort of tana atmosphere

you find in Amiga Format on deadline day. Afterwards there was a hell of a mess. This is where you step in. You play a syndicate leader, with four agents. Using them, you must beat over 100 levels to be, er, the winner and that.

Each level is a city (or part of one), and you view it from a 3D isometric view thing. You see your blokes as they wander about. The clever bit is the control of your characters.

You can point and click them about, or you can give them perception, aggression and adrenaline. You must still tell them where to go, but they can

deal with the shooting of other folk and blowing up of buildings on the way.

Each level has an objective, and you can equip your team with any weapons, tools and abilities you deem necessary. The accent is on flexibility in Syndicate. You can shoot anyone in the cities, including civilians, friends and passers-by. You can blow up anything, steal cars and run people over.

Syndicate looks incredible. It'll be available for SNES and Mega Drive as well as Amiga, and it looks as if Bullfrog might be able to pull off another *Populous* (2.4 millions units sold, and counting). Let me leave you with a quote from Peter Molyneux of Bullfrog. "Syndicate is like being able to take guns into Sim City." We can't wait. ■



All these people have individual personalities, which is more than you can say for Michael Bolton fans. Speaking of which, we don't like that Lovejoy either. Lam says that he's got a face like an amadeo bed.

JUNGLE STRIKE

FROM - ELECTRONIC ARTS
FOR - MEGA DRIVE

PRICE - £40 APPROX
AVAILABLE - JUNE

Around two years ago, EA released a helicopter shoot-em-up that caused a bit of a fias. Your mission was to fly around a fictional middle eastern country and destroy strategic military installations. The only problem was that the Allied forces had been doing this for eal in Iraq. Now we have the sequel, but the (ahem) burning question is - is this game going to cause a similar controversy?

The plot of *Jungle Strike* doesn't take after any known war but, as the name implies, it's set in a jungle (Vietnam, perhaps?), and you must fly more missions of rescue and destruction before you can go home to get your medals.

Jungle Strike is a massive 16 megabit cartridge and is twice the size of the first game, in which you flew around in an Apache gunship. This time, it's the turn of the Commanche gunship, the new improved tough-as-nails, state of the art, rock... (Don't you dare say it - Ed) flying machine. But it doesn't stop there.

Apart from the helicopter, you can control an F-117A Stealth Fighter which is harder to fly. You can't hover, so you have to plan your attack runs - preferably without crashing into buildings. Included is the Special Forces motorbike. As of yet it hasn't been finished, but expect it to be armed with plenty of fancy gadgetry - à la James Bond.

Also included will be an attack hovercraft. Sitting inside this, you can traverse over both land and water.

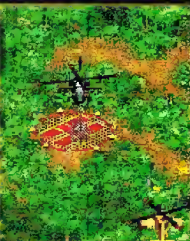


And here we have a hovercraft frenzy. Lots of killing to be done.

With the name *Jungle Strike* you'd expect every background to be dense, green foliage. This couldn't be further from the truth...

Missions are located in Washington DC, on snow-covered mountains and - strangely enough - South American jungle. Some missions need to be flown at night, where the only way to see is to 'light the place up' using your blits and pieces of equipment.

After the resounding success of *Desert Strike*, *Jungle Strike* is looking like a worthy, more varied follow-up, taking the idea of global domination and destruction a tad further. ■



"Oh you want some too do you?"
A tete-a-tete between choppers.



"If I destroy this bridge, will they name me the Bridge Buster?"



Here's the F-117A Stealth Fighter. It's big and hard, so there!



"Come back with my booze." The pilot's been a bit tense lately.



The Whitehouse. It's white... Yes do you want something else?



One of the missions will be in Klostors. You'll have to rescue stranded shiare with brohan lags, and lots of money.



"So then, these ancient Inca skull thingies, I'm guessing they'm from the Inca civilisation, they're a bit scary aren't they?" Well Saint, you could be right them." Suddenly they were engulfed in flames and died.

B17 FLYING Fortress

FROM - MICROPROSE
FOR - RM16R

PRICE - £34.99
AVAILABLE - MAY

You're high in the sky, dawn is just breaking and all you can hear is the rumble of hundreds of engines. There are bombers all around you. You're heading off to the Continent to flatten as much of it as possible. And it's really cold.

MicroProse are working on an absolute corker of a flight sim at the mo. In *B17 Flying Fortress* you can play the role of any one of the ten crewmen inside each B17. You can fly the plane, be the bomb aimer, the tail-gunner, the waist-gunner or, er, any of the other positions I haven't mentioned.

You often fly with a large group of bombers, and some of the views of the other planes are astonishing in a very, erm, MicroProse sense. Enemy fighters attack, anti-aircraft bursts and general mayhem ensues, as the plucky Yankee struggle to fulfil their mission over nasty German territory.

As well as all the usual simmy bits and pieces, you can select your crew from the spotty hopefuls hanging around the base.

You can also name your bomber, as in real life. Names should be in the following format to retain historical

"It's a rabbit! See! And if you hold the torch I'll show you a giraffe!"

"A giraffe! Brilliant!"

"Luz! gits - Anyfin! but halp! me!"

accuracy. Betty Sue, Liza May, Anna Lee, Simon Bates or Peggy Ann.

Hmm. Anyway, the standard build-up-your-mission-log business is all there, so as you survive tougher and tougher missions, you get medals, better teams and who knows? Possibly promotions as well.

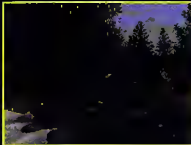
B17 is shaping up to be a rather spiffy game. As we speak, the formation is heading towards the GamosMaster offices, laden with press releases, pre-production samples and MicroProse hats and stickers. Wait until next issue for the bombshell. (Call that a joke? - Ed.) ■



Cor, eh? Phewww! Blamey. Whew! A picture of a girl looking over her shoulder, apparently.



Erm, some bombers, yesterday. Sorry. That gag mally belongs in the news section, not previews.



"Biff! Givo us a hand putting up this marquee! We've got to have it done before the pubs open!"



"No, I said we mustn't smoke until the plane is stationary at the terminal building. Stub 'em, lads."

THE ANCIENT ART OF WAR IN THE SKIES

FROM - MICROPROSE
FOR - RM16R

PRICE - £34.99
AVAILABLE - APRIL

This baby is described as "a unique strategy/action game". Good, because if it wasn't unique someone would be suing the ass of MicroProse as soon as it came out.

But seriously, it would seem that your objective in *B17 Flying Fortress* is to send your fighters and bombers to defeat the enemy either by destroying or capturing his capital, capturing all of his airfields, wiping out his air force or merely forcing him to surrender. All sounds like good and healthy face-punching fun to me.

There are over 40 fictional and historically accurate campaigns to play through, and you'll come up against the Red Baron, Kaiser Wilhelm and

other old and violent folk.

Luckily, says the press release, you have the teachings of the ancient warlord Sun Tzu on your side. If the guy's all that ancient though, he's not really going to know a lot about aerial combat, unless it's with kites or fireworks or something. I mean, I know the Chinese were clever, but I'd like to see them try and smuck in a couple of squadrons of Hurricanes armed with .303 machine guns.

As well as all the dogfighting, bombing and strategy stuff, you can

design your own missions which allows you to create your own campaigns and give yourself stupidly powerful forces and the enemy a couple of pointed sticks.

It all sounds like a huge left, and rest assured that we'll be digging up old Sun Tzu to get his opinions on 20th Century life, as well as asking him about the finger-four attack formation, just to see if the old git really did know about aerial warfare centuries before it was invented.

Wait for the results, kids. ■



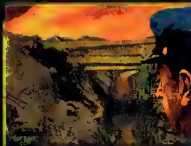
"Ere, Serge. Why don't we bomb that river?"
"Because it's just a collection of pixels on a map. Hawkins. Use your loaf, man. Or I'll shoot you."



The Ancient Art of Being a Misanthropic Git. Still, war is hell, so he's right to be a bit downcast.



Some sort of bizarre WW1 combat thing, we're forced to presume. What a strange grab to have used.



Uncle Toby watches as a bloke gets a bit carried away with his gardening. (© Poor War Jokes Ltd.)



Moustaches and comedy hats. That's what has been missing from MicroProse games up to now.

POPULOUS 2

FROM - QMI
FOR - AMIGA

Populous was, unless I'm vastly more mistaken than the infamous David Icke, the first of the God games. You must be able to remember it. All those little islands with people wandering around, following their Papal Mesquite and so on.

Anyway, it was a marvelous game, packed with the sort of effects that the Bible covers in detail. Except now there's a new version coming out for the Mega Drive.

The idea is the same. You progress through each world, beating the baddies by gaining mana. This is your

PRICE - £25.99
AVAILABLE - MARCH

power, as it were. You need to make the environment happy for your people by flattening it when there are mountains and raising it from the sea if there isn't enough space. Once every thing is sorted out, your guys start multiplying - giving you more and more power.

In each of the worlds there is an enemy, and you must beat him by using your powers against his to knock his island. Earthquakes, volcanoes, plagues of slime and other fascinating effects can all be conjured up, and you can gloat over the

damage you're causing. And one of the other major changes is that the game has been made slightly easier when you got to the later levels because most people found the Amiga version getting very tough at around the hundredth level!

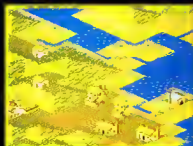
We'll review this game in an issue or so's time, so don't buy any of those other magazines. Buy this one instead. Besides, we've got attitude and say the word 'crap' out of context. ■



Plenty of cities in this pic. And it's all on the ace Sega Mega Drive.

OF MICE AND MEN

Populous 2 will be the first game out which is fully compatible with the Mega Drive mouse. At the time of writing (actually 4:24pm, if you're that nosy), there are only two mice in the country, so Bullfrog had to do their coding for it rather quickly. But they got it done. So if you decide to get a mouse for your Mega Drive, this is one game which will work with it.



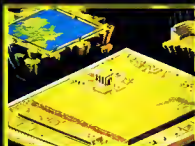
Now here we appear to have a sort of desert area. Amazing machine, the Mega Drive, isn't it?



This looks like a bit of a rumble going on here. Look at those graphics. Fabulous console, eh?



Here are some people watching a table. Astonishing piece of kit, the Mega Drive, isn't it, really.



And a rather nice little building. Listen to that sound. Brilliant purchase, the Mega Drive, eh?

WOODY'S WORLD

FROM - QMI
FOR - AMIGA

"Woody's World, Woody's World, excellent, excellent. Sorry, I've got a grip now. From New Zealand, the land of the All Blacks rugby team, where men are men and sheep are, er, nervous come Woody's World. Featuring Woody the Elf and his

PRICE - £25.99
AVAILABLE - MARCH

exploits as he tries to save the kingdom (talk about clichéd). Is it an RPG or an adventure? No chance this is a pure thoroughbred arcade platformer.

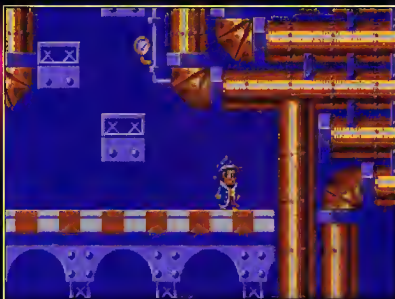
QMI claim that the finished version of Woody's World will feature over 60 levels where you have to hop, skip and

jump around (Mario style), pounding the heads of any creatures that you come across.

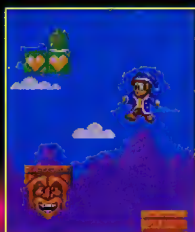
Each level contains three stages, and each level has a different graphic style. It has all the usual ideas, hidden rooms, end-of-level bosses, bonus games, puzzles to solve, etc.

But wait, don't be fooled into thinking that this is going to be any ordinary platformer. The programmers are claiming that it is going to be the largest platform game ever coded for the Amiga. Another function that has won the approval of the GamesMaster team is the two button joystick/Mega Drive controller option - well 'ard.

Woody's World arrived just a little too late for a full review but looks promising enough. Next issue we will bring you the full lowdown. ■



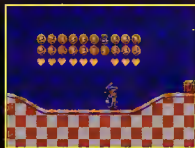
For an ultra cute cartoony type character Woody doesn't half wear some dodgy clobber. He's obviously been hitting those C&A sales again.



"I wish I could fly, right up to the sky but I can't. You can." Agh, splat.



Oi, foxface. Come 'ere, I'm gonna clamp on your face. Er, alright then I'll run away instead.



Dh what a surprise, a platform game with hidden bonus rooms all over the place. Sound familiar?

GENESIA

FROM - MICROIDS
FOR - AMIGA

PRICE - £25 APPROX
AVAILABLE - MAY

Populous really started something. Think of how many so-called 'god games' there are now. Some are brilliant and some are, well, not very special at all. Here's one in the pipeline

with a new twist, though. In the world of *Genesis*, you've got lots of ambition. It's only a small place, but with your help it could get to be really impressive. The idea is to expand



Ahn. A castle in the middle of a cross-roads. I bet the pollen have installed video cameras to catch speeding chnieeteers. Sorry about this rather poor caption, though.

your land and population in tune with the natural equilibrium of the harmony of nature thing.

You got the idea? You must manage your resources, such as water, timber and air or whatever. And while you do so, you must make sure that your people are happy. They might be hunters, farmers or whatever. Architects, as well, apparently, although it's unlikely that they'll contribute much to the harmony of the natural Earth planet mother thing.

So basically you're juggling with the fragile eco-sphere (good phrase, that). You must make your people are happy and prosperous, whilst making sure they're not knocking their beautiful surroundings.

And there's more. You must deal with your neighbours as well. You can trade with them or smash them in their combined face for being so close to you and having loads of money. To do this effectively it makes sense to build loads of weaponry. So you can spend all your time developing swords, cannons, armour and so on, or you can make girly things like vaccinations and antibiotics.

You can also build wells, hotels, farms and stuff like that, so we're talking about *Sim City* meets *Mega-Jon* and *Populous*. In a sense we're talking about *Genesis*, which will be reviewed next issue unless we go down The Loft too much and have to stay in bed for a month recovering. ■



Ah, there are some lakes and that. Er, your people can go swimming and drink their fill and so on. Okay, so I don't really know what's going on here. Look I've had a hard day and it's only 11:38am. Lay off me, all right?



Now with any luck, there could be a little going on here. Hmm... Does't really look like it, does it? Pity 'cos a fight would be the perfect picture to do a captive too. I could fill up this space with words if I had a picture like that!

SUPER SPORTS CHALLENGE

Woah there, Microids! Isn't this connected with something called, spookily, *Super Sports Challenge* on the NES, reviewed in this very mag, on page 76? It's worthy of further investigation, that's for sure.

But I can't be bothered at the moment. Settle yourself into Grandfather's favourite armchair and let me tell you of the very

FROM - MICROIDS
FOR - AMIGA

cosy world of *Super Sports Challenge* on the Amiga.

Once upon a time there was a hurdle called Hubert. It was dissatisfied with its life just sitting on a track and being knocked over by screwy

PRICE - £25
AVAILABLE - MAY

running folk. So it got together with its friends, Johnny Javelin, Sammy Shot Put, Harry High Jump, Peter Pole Jump, Larry Long Jump, Suede Swimming-Pool, Reg Relay, or Albert 100 metres and Morgan Freestyle.

They decided to run away. But the nasty step mother saw them and... oh bloody hell. This is stupid. What must I have been thinking of to start this rubbish? I'm not very well at the moment. Sorry, I think I'll have to go home after I've finished this preview. (Not before you've finished all the

captions, though. - Ed).

Anyway, there are ten events to have a go at, and the idea is that everything is viewed from an ultra-realistic sort of David Vine-o-vision.

Apparently even that isn't enough for Microids, as they have worked out how to 'film' each event from several different angles, giving you the opportunity to watch it from, er, several different angles.

Add to this the immensely detailed data, gleaned from a plethora of international athletics associations, and you could be looking at a stormer.

Right. If you'll just excuse me, I'm going home now. I think I may have a bit of a temperature.



Half-way through the moving-yourself-by-thought-power-alone event, it's still neck and neck and so on.



Look, it's some people jumping hurdles in a computer game, okay? I'm too unwell to think of a proper caption. I really should have gone home about an hour ago.



'Some swimming. I think I've got a temperature, now. This could be serious. I might not be in for the rest of the week. I mean it could be infectious and everything

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JACK NICKLAUS' POWER CHALLENGE GOLF

FROM - ACCOLADE
FOR - MEGA DRIVE

PRICE - £39.99
AVAILABLE - APRIL/MAY

So, do we really need another Mega Drive golf sim? Surely, Accolade must feel that of Jack - with slightly superior graphics and a more "simmy" feel - can easily take on the might of EA's classic *PGA Tour Golf* games. I mean, they wouldn't have bothered otherwise, would they?

This one is actually a conversion from an old PC game and first impres-

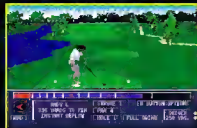
sions tend to indicate an entirely different golfing experience. The digitised character graphics and simple control method are nothing particularly new, but, for the more "serious" golfer, the game also features stats galore. There's a club membership facility, (saved by battery back-up), a superb practice mode and the option to customise the computer opponents

to suit your own (hopefully developing) skills.

We played an unfinished version which, admittedly, seemed a little slow and awkward - when compared to the likes of *PGA Tour Golf 2*. But, apparently, things are being tightened up and tweaked as you read this, making way for some of those oh-so-relaxing, but suitably gregarious multi-player games. It is, as they say, looking good and - get ready for that stock end-of-preview phrase... we should have a full review for you next month. ■



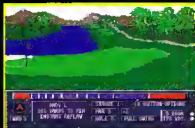
"Hi, Jack Nicklaus here. Allow me, now, to take you through the rules and history of this great game..."



Golf is an outdoor game in which a rubber-cored ball is hit with a wooden or iron-faced club.



The object is to sink the ball into a series of holes using the least number of strokes.



Natural hazards such as bushes, streams and trees make play more difficult. There are numerous...



...artificial hazards in the form of bunkers. Golf was played as early as the 15th century, in Scotland.

The last real pop band...

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Euphoria saw fit to include this little factory screen - in which you can fit and manipulate your weapons. It's great. It provides a bit of a breather from the non-stop, hectic shoot-em-up action, too.



Hallo. I'd just like to say that I really didn't like that caption over there. Look, I don't want to bitch or anything, but it was simply too literal, not witty and, frankly, smacked of laziness. I could have done much better.

DISPOSABLE HERO

FROM - EUPHORIA
FOR - AMIGA

PRICE - £25.99
AVAILABLE - MAY

Wow. A game based on ex-Besnik Michael Franti's new band - The Disposable Heroes Of Hiphopry. Purveyors of finest political pop/rap with a more accessible, less hardcore separatist stance than, say, Public Enemy or the likes of Ice Cube/T. The idea here is to compose a liberal-baiting, but dancefloor-friendly single or two, and release a critically acclaimed album before being dumped by the critics and passed off as yesterday's heroes, today's has-beens. Mucho retro, end of that.

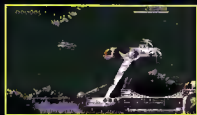
Actually - did you spot the humour? I've been joking! I've been having you on! (You really had better get on with this preview, Ed). Disposable Hero is not a strategy game which has been based around the crazy world of radical, pro-black rap music. It's a shoot-em-up. And it's a ruddy good one at that. An ultra-violent, laser-spitting, fire-breathing, alien-toasting, blood-spewing, skull-shattering blast-em-up.

Phew. Well, on the face of it, it's all pretty standard horizontal scrolling

stuff. Fly from left to right, shoot absolutely everything that appears even vaguely threatening, crash rather too often and stock up your weapons in preparation for those inevitable end-of-level bosses.

There's a professional sheen on the game though - the ultra-smooth graphics, the well-gauged difficulty level, the superb soundtrack, the gloriously visceral later levels - that pushes its head (and, possibly, its shoulders) above all the other Amiga shooters (even stuff like *SWIV*).

The game has a very consoley feel, so don't be surprised to see it appearing on the SNES/Mega Drive soon - should new Dutch company



Well, I thought it was okay, actually. Concise, well-delivered and, most importantly, informative.

Euphoria achieve a suitable degree of success with the Amiga version.

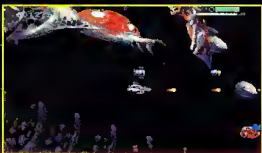
We'll be hacking our own distinctive way into Disposable Hero in full - next month. ■



Oh dear. No, no, no. Now that was, admittedly, a brave attempt. But - resorting to the "you're history" motif is extremely passé. Very '91.



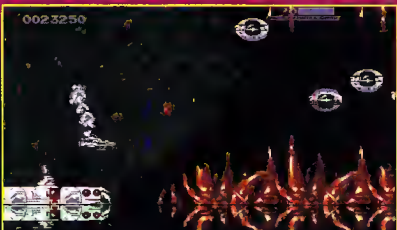
Oh, right. Ahem... The second end-of-level boss. He may look fairly innocuous, but - one hit from that laser - and you're history, pal.



(Excuse me - sorry to butt in here. But could you two please stop bickering and get on with the captions. I really mean it this time. - Ed).



Okay, okay. So my captions are a little below par, today. I haven't been very well, lately. There's also been a few problems at home... and... er...



Hallo. It's the Ed here, again. Now, whoever is responsible for these captions is, in every sense of the word, dismissed. Immediately. Now.



Tommy Stinson, East 17 – from out of the charts and everything. “All right, it’s one of them computer game things. How do you work it, Brian?” “Er, dunno, Tone. Press that button. Quick!” “It’s not working.” “Ha ha. You’ve broken it!” etc, etc.

CHALLENGE EAST 17 AN SAID FLORENCE

This is awesome. I'm in the same room as the group that sang the immortal lines "I wanna toss I wanna tumble I wanna do it 'till my bally rumbles" and the classic "I'll butter the toast if you lick the knife". These men are Gods.

Actually these staggering young men (between 18 and 22) are East 17, the cockier rep/pop group which have been described as Britain's Boyz 2 Men and Take That with attitude - and if they haven't they should have been.

With three hit singles House of Love, Gold and the truly wonderful and oh-so-sexy Deep, plus a hit album, Walthamstow, the guys are now full-time, professional, genuine pop stars. Their rise to what one could probably get away with describing as fame has been pretty darn rapid.

They all went to the same school in East London and, after they left, Tony began sending off demos to various music biz notables. Luckily, one particular noteworthy notable, Tom Watkins (ex-manager of Bros) liked what he heard and booked some studio time. Anthony went in with three friends, Terry, Brian and John and recorded three discs, two of which were House of Love and Deep.

Not surprisingly, major record labels were interested with London Records winning out. East 17 signed on

the dotted 18 months ago, for what Tony admits was "a huge amount" and they shot to the topmost of the poppiest.

House of Love was the first single and it went to number 10. It was slightly less great when the second single, Gold, came out it was, er, ooooh, how can you put this politely... "It was a flop," offers a helpful Tony.

There were a load of strong new entries in the charts when it came out and also the record company wouldn't leave it as the version we wanted to put out. They were saying, "Trust us, we know what we're doing," but perhaps they didn't.

Lessons learnt, the version of Deep that went out was the one East 17 wanted and it duly shot to number 5.

"That was John's fault," explains Tony, he bought 20,000 copies.

"They're all at home, in my back garden now," John confirms. "I'm thinking of making a patio out of them."

"Gosh, these pop stars, you just don't know what they're going to say next," Joking aside, Walthamstow grabbing the number one spot is the lads' proudest achievement. Tony has had a plaque made out of the week's chart which is on his wall at home.

Brian remembers how it felt at the time. "There are albums out there by



Said Florence attempt to get to grips with the Mega Drive. "Right. Whem's the bloody MIDI port? Incidentally, our sew single's out."

THE CHALLENGE

The challenge is a straightforward head-to-head on Streets of Rage 2. Contests consist of five separate best-of-three legs. The first one to three, obviously enough maths fees, is the winner.

The idea is for the two East 17 ex-members to fight each other for the right to face the winner of a fight between the two Said Florences costars, the two champs meeting is the final for the ultimate battle of the heads.

TONY (E17) VS TERRY (E17)



Tony: "Well, obviously I'm a bit tasty with the old jopped. Keow what I mees? He he he."

Both opt to be Axel and both go hell for leather in the first fight. This is as out and out slugfest as Terry is left standing. Fight two produces the same result. First leg to Terry.

In the second leg as Tony is showing signs of fighting back, but loses the fight of the second leg. Tony battles hard in the second fight and etches his first victory.



All those weapons lying around the place, and they fight with their bare fists. How stupid.

Terry is as form in the third fight and clinches the second leg by two fights to one. Terry opts for a cheese and picks Blaze. He uses the piping and clocks Axel as the boss. Tony also grabs the pipole. He takes the leg through brute force, two fights to one.

The fourth leg follows a similar pattern to the third. Tony takes the first fight but soon



Terry: "Puh! I'm better than Tony - say bloody day. Erm, has anyone seen my razor?"

him off in the second. Tony, determined not to be bested, clinches the third fight and the fourth leg. The fifth, deciding leg arrives and Terry reverts to Axel, but Tony takes the lead for the first time.

In the second fight, Tony knocks seven shades out of the hapless Terry. Victory is secured, three legs to one.

people like Michael Jackson and Simply Red and to be placed higher than them is great, but it does make you think Christ, it's only us."

The album confirmed their right to have the words 'pop stars' written in the occupation slot on their passports and a life of clubbing with Take That and darning the Minogue sisters is now for the taking.

They are talking about doing a cover version as a single in the not too distant future and work starts on the new album soon. Results should be in the shops by Christmas.

The foursome's interest in games, according to Tony, goes back to "bunking off school and going down the arcades."

They have Game Gears that they try and keep with them at all times and John has a Super Nintendo which he

"used to have time to play."

Their games playing careers were threatened through an appearance on GamesMaster and a challenge on *Super Probotector*. They didn't quite complete the challenge, but Terry emerged as a bit of a star, saving the group from total humiliation. He modestly remembers it as "a fluke". Their other main memories of the day on the rig are that "it was cold, really bloody cold". Then, when they're reminded just who they're jolly well talking to, Brian decides it would be a smart move to talk it up a bit: "It was excellent, the best day of my life, honestly, Dominik's a top geezer and I've never enjoyed myself so much. I thought Christmas was good until I went on GamesMaster." Much more like it.

Anyway, they can't have been too

dishheartened by the cold and the defeat because they've decided to take another challenge. This time their opponents are Said Florance. Who? you ask. Well, luckily, so did I. Said Florance are a new Scottish band whose first single, *Definitely Maybe*, is out this week.

Singal/songwriter Kit makes no bones about the fact that what he's aiming for is a pure pop sound. He says that he's tired of bands playing "the credibility game" and just wants to concentrate on memorable tunes, entertaining videos and stuff the trendy T-shirt brigade.

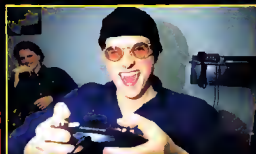
"We look back to the early 80s as the last golden age of pop when bands like Adam and the Ants were at their height. People say that the Ants were best in the late 70s with the punky Dirty Weears White Sox stuff. We think they

wore the best with Kings of the Wild Frontier and things like that." (For those of you not old enough to remember things like old pop stars and Labour governments, Adam and the Ants were bloody ginormous between 81 and 84. They made a stack of great pop singles and videos that might have made even today's *sarsatz* version of Top of the Pops watchable. They were, in short, Pop Stars).

Kit is a real pop nut and could discuss Heilcut One Hundred (for history see previous paragraph and add chunky sweaters) B sides all day. He's more than happy to admit, however, that the two game players in Said Florance are keyboard player Kav and Des the drummer.

East 17's top two Joypad pounders are Tony and Terry. So, with the slides chosen, I'll battle commences.

DES (SF) VS KEV (SF)



Des: "Right. Come on, then! I'll 'ave you aww. Oh, bugger. I can't see the ruddy screen."

Meanwhile Des and Kev from Said Florance, having seen the grueling contest from close quarters, decide that perhaps it might be a little less taxing if they have a bast of three logs coat.

Kev, despite what he saw in the East 17 play-off, goes for Blaze, while Des opts for a saw character, Skate.

The opening bout is very tight, with the



"Look, just give me the pipe. Put it down. You don't want to hurt anybody. Owl Ooh!" quicksilver Skate being particularly impressive. He takes the first fight, but only just.

There's much more use of the pipe in this contest. Both players have decided that chunks as the head are the key to success and Kev proves the point rather forcefully when his Blaze faishes off Skate with a mighty blow in the second acquator.

He picks up where he left off in the third



Kav: "I'm the champion of the psychological approach. I eat the opponent's joyed!" fight, wielding the pipe like a maaiaac and scurrying the first leg.

A pattern is emerging aww; Skate ba nimble. Skate be quick, but there's sod all you can do against a bloody big stick.

Skate takes oas fight, but Kav and Blaze take two to win this shortaard contest by two logs to all.

TONY (E17) VS KEV (SF)



Tony: "I was rabbed, guv. It wasn't fair. I've got a bed knee - and a bit of a cold."

So, to the final - the best of five logs. For the first fight both opt for the foxy Blaze.

Kav's by now almost legendary use of the piplog prevails and he takes first blood. In fact, he takes second blood as well with a truly vicious victory. Tony seems to be playing in a higher dimension than he's used to and trails by one leg to nothing.

In the second leg, he changes to his favourite, Axel, and uses the piping, his fists and his feet to devastating effect. Kev tries to appeal to Tony's better nature, but discovers he doesn't have one. Tony gets mad and gets even, one leg each.



Mid-fight, Blaze experiences a bizarre astral projection. Quick! Write to Arthur C. Clarke.

In the third leg they both stick with their chosen combatants and commences with a bit of ballet dancing. They both fly through the air and just miss each other. Pretty soon, we have contact between Axel's hand and a piece of piping. He never really roovers and loses the first fight. He fights back well, with a flurry of punches to take the second bout. Kev returns to the piping on the head routine to snatch the third fight and make it two logs to one.

In the fourth leg, it's very cut and thrust. Tony picks up the piping and batters Kev to defeat. Kev is sparked into life and takes the next making it one fight all.



Kav: "Ye-ast I am your master. The ultimate gamesplayer. Erm, buy our single. Now!"

It's back to the oggy stuff aww as oaly a few punches land. Then Tony goes for the pipa agala, but this time Kav's B-sides fly him and as Axel steps, Blaze kicks him to the floor and claims ultimate victory.

Kav and Said Florance beat Tony of East 17 - whose run of bad luck in the games arena continues. It's handshakes all round at the end but you can't help feeling sorry for East 17. They lost narrowly and now they've got to go and work the deeply frightful way of Tony. So there, while pretending to enjoy having some precious brain ruin one of their numbers. It really is a hard life.



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REVIEWS

Okay, so you've heard it all before. Our reviews are the best, blah blah. Our reviews show you details you won't get anywhere else, drone drone. There's only one way to be sure if a mag is giving you the reviews coverage you need. Just read it. Compare the marks with your own feelings and see which mag is most in tune with you. Simple.

Each monitor contains different information. Monitor one contains info on the machine the game is for, the publisher, the date available, the memory size and not forgetting the price. Monitor two will furnish you with gen on the in-game options, the number of levels, the difficulty, number of players and whether there's a save game feature.

Between them, the monitors give you all the vital data you need.

I completely disagree! Well, I don't in this case, but sometimes I might. Whenever you see this shape, you'll know that someone like me has got something to say about the game. In fact, these will crop up rather a lot, since we're such an opinionated bunch.

GREETINGS

And welcome to my own particular area of the reviews, the GamesMaster Tip. Here I shall give information to help you through the first tricky stage of each game, so you won't be completely stuck if you grind to a halt before the next issue with the proper tips appears. The tips dispensed here should also give an indication of how the game works, and should help you decide if it's the sort of title you'd enjoy. Tremendous.



These dials are used to rate the quality of the various game elements. The higher the number, the better the element. There's also a sort of "heat" motif, which we rather like.

ANNOYING HABITS. WE'VE ALL GOT THEM. THIS MONTH, REVIEWS INTRO TAKES A CLOSE LOOK AT SOME GENERALLY CLAIMED ANNOYING AND INTELLIGENT GAMES GEEZERS' LESS APPEALING QUIRKS. HMMMM...



JIM DOUGLAS
Jim has wrestled the crown of Most Annoying Game Spectator from previous champ Andy Lowe. "flur-hur!" he goes as a player tumbles from a ledge. "You should have jumped a bit later," he helpfully adds. Git.



JAMES LEACH
Only one particularly annoying habit from Leach. On the rare occasions he wins a round at Streetfighter, he insists on copying the notes that his character makes. Especially annoying is his Blahne Impersonation.



ANDY LOWE
High Priest of Broadcast (Future electronic mail thing!) Andy has ceased many a car-parh fracas by pretending to be someone else and sending antagonistic messages to innocent people on other mags.



LES ELLIS
Generally rock-band rock-rocker Les has a marginally aggravating fondness for playing games other than SF2 on our office SNEB when other members of the team run in desperate need of a fix.



AORIAN PRICE
"Our" side number through Andrew Dice Clay routines like a record with a scratch, but even more unpleasant is his insistence to tell his Hudson out of Aflom whenever he plays a shoot-em-up.



STEVE JARRATT
Steve (who lives with Jim) used to work in a nuclear research centre or something, which explains a lot of things, not least his obsession with meticulously spot-checking a slot like JD.



NEIL WEST
Neil is a completely top fella with only one vice. Whoever he holds, arm, a candy cigarette, he uses his middle and fourth finger, which makes him look like a really suspicious. A small point, admittedly.



A NEW MAN
This was the space previously occupied by Andy Smith, who has now gone away. Next month, you'll meet our new reviewer. In the mean time, that Andy Smith, eh? He had plenty of annoying habits. None fit for print.



MARK RAMSHAW
Mark insists on standing in a particularly strange indie-band pose (feet together, arms outstretched whenever he's pictured in Sega Power. Otherwise an entirely sound fellow.



MATT DIEBY
Largely bereft of personality defects, Matt has recently shaken his reputation for saying "Oh nooooo, you brat!" whenever a) something bad happens, b) something good happens, or c) nothing happens.



ANDY OVER
Andy doesn't do anything annoying so far as we can tell (Although he is a bit messy. - Neil). But he can do a completely great trick where he rats in whole balls in one mouthful. And he looks great when he does it.

■ Flicker, shudder and slowing we can do without. Parallax, smoothness and variety we like. Clear? It's got to be.

■ Where would Mario be without his spindling? Where would Sonic be without his ferocious howling, that's where. So we demand catchy tunes, some-sitting interludes and punchy effects.

■ We want to see games with instinctive, responsive controls that reward and challenge the player's increasing skill. Games need to make a variety of demands of the player - requiring a fast firing finger is not enough.

■ Call us greedy, but as well as glorious graphics, super sounds and peachy playability we demand that games actually keep you entertained for a considerable amount of time.

■ The above factors taken and shaken, analysed and adapted. The bottom line - is it worth buying or not?

■ Scores, doors etc...

Alright, so you know 0% is rubbish and 100% is tops, but what about the stuff in between?

- Above 90%** Essential, even if you have to buy the system.
90%-81% Great, and well worth the dosh.
80%-71% Smart, impressive and entertaining.
70%-61% Not bad, but there's better out there if you look.
60%-51% A few good points but...
50%-41% Below average - lots of niggles.
40%-31% Poor.
Below 30% Wretched and to be avoided at all costs.

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BATMAN RETURNS



OK. There's an umbrella, a tied-up girl covered in active and a few floppy fishes on the ground. Guess which badde has recently been here.



Batman most certainly does return in this game. Yes indeedly, you can state that he is most definitely there. And it's a jolly good thing too, because everybody knows that the Ceased Crusader is pretty rock hard. So it's great that he's decided to return, and...

let me say on behalf of all the team that he's very welcome in this mag.

Now, there have been a lot of Batman games. Last month we even reviewed *Revenge of the Joker* on the Mega Drive (not especially good). But here we're talking about something a bit different. We're talking about a game in which you can really smash people about, as well as driving very quickly while still continuing to be absolutely nails. And we at GamesMaster like things like that...

So what's it all about, then? Well it's obviously a licence of the film. The Penguin appears quite a bit, as does Catwoman. And of course about five million extras, all of whom you have to kill using your special bat-hurting people powers.

Okay, I'll admit that it's a sort of platform game with other scrolly driving-type stuff thrown in on occasional levels. But don't lose interest, when shut this magazine and hurl it at the tropical fish tank. *Batman Returns* is pretty good. The fightingy bits are carried off with great style and there are loads of moves you can do, such as throwing your foes through the windows, beheading their heads together, putting them, strangling them and lobbing batarangs at them.

The enemy primarily take the form of those circus people from the film. Each has an energy level, and they obviously decrease from their



This clown poses little problem for Batmees. A quick punch to the throat should see him lying in a pool of his own juices, useable to speak.



is a move reminiscent of playground frolics. Batman smashes two heads together. This tells them to see Mr Casaleggio for detention.



The bithers are so bloody easygoing that you're tempted to get out and sub the entire planet from orbit. But this is *Batmees*, not *Allice*.

HOW TO AVOID GETTING YOUR BAT KICKED

There are quite a few moves you can do with your batty fellow. It's important to keep varying your approach when you're in the middle of a fight, especially with someone as nasty as the Catwoman. The most useful button is the punch. It occasionally incorporates a kick if Batman is feeling particularly energetic, but mostly it whacks the opponents' heads in.

Move your batty friend around



Hold A Selects

Punch (and kick in flight)

Specials, like Test Tube Bombs, Batarangs and Batarangs

Jump

There are also combinations which will let Batman swirl his cape around, knocking people flat, dive all over the place and even do a weird little skipping thing, for some odd reason.

FOR - SNES
FROM - KONAMI
AVAILABLE - JUNE
PRICE - £50
MEMORY - 16 MBITS
STOP ■



"Now think carefully about this, guys. I've got a car covered in Kevlar, plutonium and machine guns, and you lot have got 50cc Honda triebike bikes. You won't even scratch my paint."

meagre starting amount rapidly until they die. There are fat clowns, thin clowns, biking clowns, very tall clowns and even blokes who don't look like clowns but who carry flaming torches around in a clownish sort of way.

And you've got to kill them all. On they come in a steady stream, and the idea is simply to beat them all up until the screen is clear and you are allowed to proceed a few yards before the next round of thumping. It's like dozens of fighting games before it.

Occasionally you'll meet the Penguin, the Catwoman or some other tough guy whose energy will seem to be unaffected by your punching and kicking behaviour, but who will eventually be ground down until he, too, is a flashing body lying on the floor.

But it's not all horizontal scrolling and fighting. No, there's a chunk of 3D driving here as well. Level five sees you barreling along a very quick freeway heading towards Gotham. Loads of those annoying

biker clown dwarf folk come whizzing past, and you must blow them away by using the cannon mounted on the front of the Batmobile.

If you kill enough riders, a van drives past at about 350 mph. This is the Oswald Cobblepot Mayoral Campaign van, and you've got to blow it up as well. Only it's really tough, so you'd sort of expect.

Despite the format of *Batman Returns* being the same as millions of other games, it's actually good fun. The whole thing is crafted nicely, and it's certainly of marvellous quality. If you're after a dark fantasy game which goes pretty far towards capturing the atmosphere of the film, you've got it.

OK. Hold on a sec. We've got atmosphere, we've got nice graphics and we've got the music of the film. Should the game be given 99 per cent? No, because I think that it's taking an old, tired format and taken it as far as it can go. So it's a good game, but it's not an original game. So in the 90s, percentage wise. But not far off. **JAMES LEACH ■**

Freed postulated that *Batman* was essentially a regression to pre-civilisation values, with the sociological (*Liar. Batman wasn't out then. Ed.*)



Control of Batly and offer a good fisting and head-thwacking to the baddies. Get to meet Catwoman. Get to kick Catwoman's head in. Jump. Drive - occasionally. Meet an end-of-level boss and sacrifice two or three lives during him up... and that's really it. I'm a little surprised that Konami have actually decided to handle this one - the *Batman Returns* movie (whatever you think of it) is hardly ultra-topical. Is it?

It really is standard platform/bat-up fare with a rather ordinary and slightly sticky out driving section bolted on for cosmetic effect. Such a curious and unique film must surely deserve something a little more original and compelling. Not quite the dire, default movie licence of the likes of *Lethal Weapon* - but pretty passive and forgettable all the same.

ANDY LOWE ■

GAMES MASTER TIP



GREETINGS! Whenever you fight Catwoman, the Penguin or anyone tougher than average, use your shields all the time. So many people don't, and it really, really annoys me more than I can say.



It would be good if this guy's name was Matthew Up. Because then you could say "Here's a picture of *Batman* throwing up!"

OPTIONS - EXTRA LIVES
LEVELS - 2
DIFFICULTY - 3 SETTINGS
PLAYERS - 1
SAVE GAME - NO
END ■



Michelle seems to be having a bit of a dance in this shot. That's really all I can say about it. Except that it's really a fight, in fact.



A hostage situation. Time for Batman to do some more punching and kicking, a bit like the rest of the game. In fact. Oh goah. Sorry.



(Above) Swallows at sunset. Painted in 1795, this encapsulates Turner's view of someone's swallowing during duels.

(Left) Kitten playing. The most famous of Jim Houten's work, this (snip).



Nope, don't like it. Don't get me wrong, it's okay, but it's just nothing special. At first it seems a real laugh, throwing people against walls and banging heads together, but, with the exception of the car level, that is all you do. There aren't enough moves for this to be a dedicated beat-em-up, and there isn't enough variety in the levels for it to be anything else. It's stuck in limbo. *Batman Returns* is desperately trying to be an all-round type of game, but as it stands it is just a very average beat-em-up.

LES ELLIS ■



Look! Cliff Richard, Melvyn Hayes, Richard O'Sullivan (out of Robin's Nest) and Una Stubbs in that bloody Summer Holiday bus. Destroy it with the special anti-60s-cheerful-film BatNuclear weapon thing immediately!



GRAPHICS

These are great. They're big and detailed. You'll enjoy watching them. They're certainly, ohem, some kind of wonderful.

SOUNDS

You know that bit in the film that goes "duh dur dur dur, duur duh"? Well it's in here, and it sounds great.

PLAYABILITY

There are loads of moves, and each fight is different, well for a while, anyway. It's a tricky, but it's fun.

LASTABILITY

It's great to look at, lovely to hear and nice to play, but very linear. If you want a new game concept, don't bother with this one.

OVERALL

Imagine the best walk along beat-em-up you can, and you're probably thinking of something like this. It's polished, it's smart and it's enjoyable. But it's not a new idea and if you're after games that push the barriers of originality, you won't be interested in this one. It's a Bentley, not a Lamborghini Diablo. (No, it's a game, actually. Ed)

JAMES ■

JUDGEMENT

85%

SUPER JAMES POND

FOR - SNES
FROM - OCEAN
AVAILABLE - MAY
PRICE - £44.99
MEMORY - 8MBIT
END ■



James Pond, the superhero/fish has become something of a cult figure having appeared on both the Mega Drive and the Amigas. The game was then called RoboCod and came from EA. Without getting into any corporate hoo-her, this comes from Ocean, has been tweaked slightly

and now goes under the name of *Super James Pond*. Because James is such a hard fish (his exoskeleton lets him brash air and stretch his torso to amazing lengths), his adventures tend to be a little on the outrageous side and this one is no exception.

His archenemy, Or Maybe, has kidnapped Santa Claus and unless James rescues him, there'll be no Christmas. You've got to work your way through about 80 rooms of platform-puzzle action - rescuing penguins on

To enter a door you simply walk to the front of it, if you don't want to enter a door, jump over it.

the way. Once you've rescued all the penguins, find the exit and then move on to the next level.

Super James Pond appears simple but it has some hidden depths. The concept and basic gameplay is straightforward enough, but the vast array of secret passages and bonuses to be found makes it a search and not just a straight forward platform game.

It's not all good news though. As it is a conversion of an ageing Amiga/Mega Drive game, some drastic and much needed changes should have been made, but weren't. The game is big, but the levels are all fairly similar and the gameplay is a bit repetitive too. The graphics have been slightly improved from the Mega Drive version and even though there are some nice floating backgrounds, the game lacks any graphic punch. The sound is okay (again just a simple reworking of the Mega Drive game) but the whole thing smacks of a straight port over. Which is a real shame because this should have been a contender for a high score.

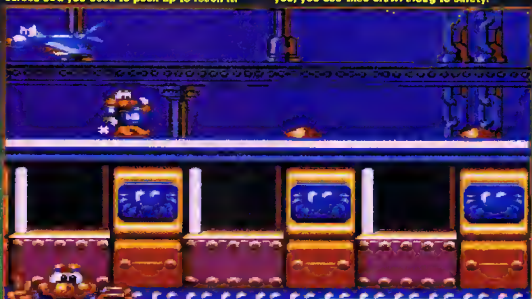
ADRIAN PRICE ■



Jump into this cannon and our Jim shoots up into the air. The exit is right at the top of the screen and you need to push up to reach it.



If there's no way out of a level, try extending your body and grabble onto something above you, you can then crawl along to safety.



The fast-moving train section - keep on your toes here because if you get trapped where the screen scrolls to the end you'll die horribly. Squashed fish anyone?



GRAPHICS

Very pretty, colourful and nice to look at, although they're not exactly using the SNES to the full.

SOUNDS

Again, nice and sweet tunes to fit with the platform action, but they're just SNES versions of the Mega Drive tunes.

PLAYABILITY

Initially very good, but after 10 or so levels you'll begin to wonder if this is all there is to it - and you'd be right.

LASTABILITY

If you get turned on by repetitive platform games you'll stay with this to the end.

OVERALL

Nice to look at, nice to listen to and nice to play (for a while anyway). The game gets very scary and whoever thought of the infinite continues thing really needs his head seeing too. You'll finish this one no problem.

ADRIAN ■

JUDGEMENT

56%

FOR - SNES
FROM - INTERPLAY
AVAILABLE - APRIL
PRICE - £44.99
MEMORY - 8MBITS
STOP ■

Captive needed here please.
Captive needed here... HAI! Fooled you. Here, Erik helpfully shows us around Level Four. Note how he makes a bizarre green alien and stands his ground in a distinctly rock hard manner indeed. (Look that's enough "rock hard". Ed)

"Obey, guys. Here we go. Baloog, you take the alien slime down there. I'll take out the guy with one eye. Olaf, you go down to the shop. I'll have a packet of Roysters and a can of Coke, please."



Have you seen Erik the Viking? Oh, it's great. Honestly, it's got John Cleese and Tim Robbins in it. Oh, and Michael

Palin. Probably. Anyway, there's this great bit where Erik (who's a caring, sensitive sort - not a bit like a proper Viking, you see, he lol) is about to attack the female occupant of a house previously ransacked by his rather more Viking-like friends... and he's apprehensive about it... he has ethical difficulties with following the more - ahem - tradi-

tional Viking methods. A New Men Viking! The three Nordic mercenaries here are much more in the traditional Viking vein, displaying all those reassuringly familiar characteristics - sloth, avice, amorality, belligerence, gross obesity, beards, red noses, and other general examples of Viking debauchery. They lead pleasant enough home lives - this is demonstrated in the intro sequence, in which we see the Vikings kissing their wives and kiddies goodbye, before indulging in a spot of mutually supportive hunting, taking care to

THE LOST VIKINGS

GAMES MASTER TIP



Greetings!
A guide in which some of the skilful game tactics will become clear.



1 First, leave the other two at the start and send Erik over the ladder - taking great care not to fall off.



2 Then, scuttle on those jump over rotting spires.



3 Run to the right and those jump over rotting spires.



4 Jump again and swipe the hey. Hide in the far right corner to avoid the gunfire.



5 Leap off the lift and hit the red switch to kill the force field.



6 Now, guide Baloog and Fat Beardy Boy to the lift and bring 'em down.



7 Move Olaf up to the green alien shanty. Send him next to Olaf and shoot the alien.

8 Now bring up Baloog, stand him next to Olaf and shoot the alien.



show off their individual talents.

Later, they're casually abducted by a spaceship populated by aliens keen to study end experiment on "unusual life forms". Naturally, they're anxious to get back to relative domestic bliss - and so they decide to pool their skills and work as a team in order to get away from the unfriendly futurism of the alien craft... and it all goes horribly - but humorously - wrong.

The gist of the game involves guiding the Yathalla-dodgers through a series of treacherous levels featuring differing hazards and overall geography. It's part puzzler, part platformer — with a dash of Lemmings-esque foresight and planning sprinkled in. —Jeffrey Rosenberg

Olef and Beleag – each have exclusive characteristics (Erik can jump, Beleag's a rollicking geezer with a sword and bow, Olef's a bit of a rotund, queffing type who can shield the others from harm).

As a guiding semi-neanderthal-gentleman-around-multi-scrolling-playing-erees-erm-up, it's basically all that *Humans* should have been and much more. The *Lost Vikings* offers speed, playability, a bit of thinking—and a hilarious two-player option, in which you may well find yourself beating your mate over the head, as he contrives to swap character in the middle of a frenetic battle with a bizarre blue dinosaur. In fact, it's so good, so well designed, so comical, so fun, so well-remembered that it's really must buy it as quickly as possible. Challenging, comical and terrific fun.

ANDY LOWE

YOU HAVE BEEN WATCHING...

The three behelmetted stars of the game – Erik, Olaf and The Other One – have some astonishing physical talents and personal habits. Erik jumps, runs end, er, appears to scrotch his genitals. Olaf sticks his shield out in front of him, uses it to float with end, um, picks his nose. Baleog fires arrows everywhere, grunts a lot and poses.

ERIK

**OLAF**

BALEOG



Now here's a tricky little bit... Stand on the edge of the platform and fire an arrow to the right. This will dislodge the rock end, or, help you to complete the bottom part of the level.



You can find out about all the little quirks and features of the characters and indeed the game simply by visiting these handy little Mario-like help stations.



9 Now, as Erik has the key, you can use him to unlock the door.



10 Now, take
Olnf up first...
Get 'em all
through the
teleport indi-
vidually.



11 Have Oluf
run to the
central,
neutral
section
underneath
the door.



12 Now, take control of Erik and bring him over to join, or, Balnag.



13 Jump on Olnf's chind and pick up the magic boots. Following



14 Run to the right - (jumping the bndline) and switch off the gravity



15 Shield
Bnleog with
Olnf and hnye
him choot all
the bnddiee.



16 Now,
everyone pile
into the Time
Warp... and
onto the next
level.



17 The vikings now penetm the vary fabric of epace-timn itself... er, I vaine.

NORDIC WARRIORS IN THE AREA

Here's a selection of the various areas and terrain you'll encounter in the game. You'll notice we've only included four examples. We would have shown you more, but we couldn't get past Level 16.



A puzzling conasdrum for Balseg - "Is evil something you am, or something you do?"



Diag stands in a bubble. Is an Aero commercial. (Be very careful in the next captio. Ed.)



Diag floats into an Aero commercial. (You're getting into dangerous territory, hem. Ed.)



"I want my mammy!" walls Balseg. (Right. I think you know where the door is. Ed.)



Rather unsurprisingly, I agree pretty much with what Andy says. *Lost Vikings* is an intriguing, depth and thoroughly entertaining game, offering a completely new gaming experience for SNES owners. It is very similar to *Humans*, but where *Humans* occasionally frustrates, *Vikings* rewards. The only part of the game I'm not one hundred per cent happy with is the fact that if you get scrolled off the screen by a more exortive player, you're stuffed. While Andy reckons this is all part of the fun, I'm not entirely convinced. Aside from that, it's brill.

JIM DOUGLAS ■



We don't just review games here at GamesMaster... we find bugs in them, too. Look - Erik's trying to push a non-existent section of wall. There's nothing there, you see? Jaws.



Not since *Streetfighter 2* has a game been played quite so much in the GamesMaster office. The combination of second action and puzzles makes this game dangerously addictive. You can play it for hours on end and still not get bored with it. The inclusion of a two-player team mode adds even more depth to it. The graphics are great and more importantly the gameplay is spot on. *Lost Vikings* is a great game.

LES ELLIS ■



Erik The Swift, eh? Right, then... (Clears throat at great length). Erik the Gid, more like. I do apologise.



OPTIONS - N/A

LEVELS - 32

DIFFICULTY - N/A

PLAYERS - 1 OR 2

SAVE GAME - PASSWORD

END ■



GRAPHICS

Brilliantly designed character with jocular and bizarre animation. The backdrops are clear and picturesque.

SOUNDS

Comes with a fair fab and groovy tune - and that's it. No spot effects or anything. Bit of a swizz, really.

PLAYABILITY

Loads of puzzles, jumps and rough bits. The two-player option makes for some fun, but some fumbling co-operation techniques.

LASTABILITY

Even after all the levels have been conquered, the game will attract you back - particularly in two-player mode.

OVERALL

Intelligently designed and strikingly original. *The Lost Vikings* nabbs some of the best ideas from all previous puzzlers and imports them over into a fun and refreshingly silly platform game. Luridly cartoony and gleefully addictive. Get it.

ANDY ■

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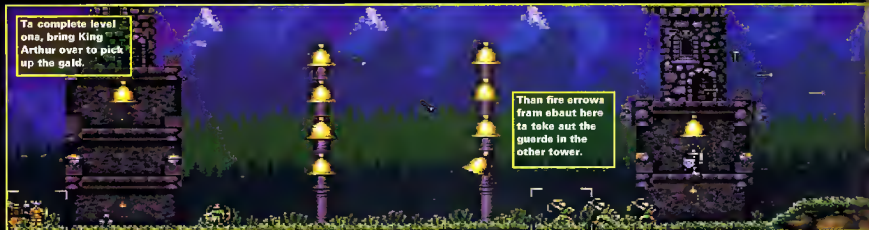
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To complete level one, bring King Arthur over to pick up the gold.

Then fire arrows from about here to take out the guards in the other tower.

KING ARTHUR



This is the final boss in the top world. At the moment he's having a sheep booty.



know. Yes, King A was one tough hombre who got everything he wanted - except for the Holy Grail.

But let's get ourselves firmly rooted in the present again, where *King Arthur's World* is a puzzle game with a touch of Lemmings.

At the beginning of the game, there is a series of training sessions that you have to complete before you start the missions proper. A nice touch, and very useful too for brushing up on the gameplay skills. As in *Lemmings* you have different "occupations" under your control which you must use in order to complete each level.

King Arthur's World is, however, far from a basic rip-off of the Lemmings style. If anything it's an

improvement. The neat twist is that your main man is King Arthur, and you have to get him to the loot at the end of the level. This is, however, easier said than done, because there are plenty of hazards vying to make light work of him. So with the aid of your archers, knights, soldiers and engineers, you have to make quick work of the enemy and progress to the next level.

At first sight the game looks a bit plain with the small graphics and the slow pace of play. This shouldn't put you off, as there are 23 massive levels, each of which will take you a fair while to complete. Many late 'knights' (Didn't I ask you last time?) - Ed were spent trying to beat the evil goblins and even then I had to carry on the next day.

It is satisfying when you finish an especially hard level and go on to the next. This is where the password system comes into its own - just make sure you have a pen and paper handy.

There are a few things that have been incorporated into this game... the first being the ability to use the new Nintendo mouse. If you have the *Mouse Paint* package or happen to own a mouse, you can use this instead of the Joypad. The second innovation is the inclusion of the Dolby Surround System.

This, for all you non-technical people, is a system whereby, if you have more than one speaker, you can hear certain sounds coming from the left speaker and others from the right.

Whichever way you look at it, *King Arthur's World* is a fun game to play. You'll need a spare afternoon or evening to play, though, because once you're hooked, that's it.

ADRIAN PRICE ■



Drop a barrel here and the rest of your men will be able to pass safely.

GAMES MASTER TIP



GREETINGS!

On some of the later levels there are a lot of towers with enemy archers on top. Your ordinary archers won't be able to reach them. Call upon your engineers to build a catapult and hurl fire bombs at them. These will also burn down doors and kill some of the enemy troops for you.



This is a slow, contemplative p... oh, I have to be original, do I? But Andy's said it all so well, I mean, he's really pithy, isn't that? And he's got an exciting. Anyway, it's a bit frustrating, is *King Arthur's World*. You have to be very

precise and careful, and this slows up the game.

But to be fair, it's beautifully crafted and a joy to behold if you've got a spare weekend, possibly in the countryside or somewhere. Maybe on a yacht, if you've got electricity.

Yes, I've changed my mind. I like it. Forget the frustrating comment thing. It's really rather good, and anyone who says it's not is talking out of their bottom-hole.

JAMES LEACH ■

The start of the first level - get your archer and fire them from about here.

FOR - SNES
FROM - JALECO
AVAILABLE - MRY
PRICE - £44.99
MEMORY - 3MBITS
STOP ■

OPTIONS - N/A
LEVELS - 23
DIFFICULTY - MEDIUM
PLAYERS - 1
SAVE GAME - PASSWORD
END ■

HUR'S WORLD



This is a slow, contemplative puzzler with plenty of smart and satisfying touches to the gameplay. Occasionally, though, it suffers from the *Humans* disease - it's fun for a while, but the speed of the action can be a severe test of patience which often threatens to ruin an otherwise superbly designed game.

Carefully and slowly guiding your knights across treacherous terrain, plodding them past aggressive archers and belligerent barbarians is all very jolly and wholesome - but you'll often get the urge just to send everyone over and get on with cleaving skulls and depriving the enemy of limbs. As with *Lemmings*, you'll need to spend an unhealthy amount of time with *King Arthur's World* - testing ideas, getting killed horribly - and, if you're quite happy to be so intimate with a game, then fine. But, if you're "on" for a bit of a quick blast or you're spoiling for a pixel-based bamy - leave it alone.

ANDY LOWE ■



This guy rolls sloop and spits out large balls of fire hilling all your mas. Seed is the archer, Art.



Aad hare they are, knights as well. Aim for the mid-sections and then go for the head. Frak. Sorry there I go again... just hill everything.



Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to work we... sorry that's the seven dwarfs, isn't it? Well, these guys are quite small and they are going to work so maybe it was applicable after all. Roof needs a bit of work though, mate.



GRAPHICS

Small, but well drawn. Background graphics are very medieval and suit the game. The underground caverns are great too.

SOUNDS

The bawling of sheep and the "fweh-ting" of arrows make you believe you're actually there. Well, sort of.

PLAYABILITY

All the addictiveness of *Lemmings*. Best played when you've got plenty time to spare.

LASTABILITY

With over 20 levels, this will take you a long time to complete. Even some of the early stages will take you an hour or so.

OVERALL

Basically a *Lemmings* clone with an Arthurian theme to it. The involved structure and the plots are great fun and add to the depth of the game. You'll be playing this one long into the night.

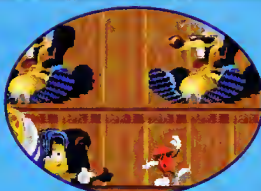
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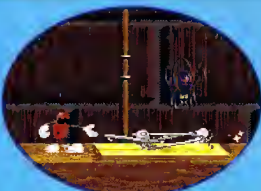
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Hur hur. Crabs. Gedditz? Crabs! Sounds a bit like, er, some sort of infection or something. What's mistake it was, going for this gig (sigh).



Spot mixes it with some rats with huge boots on. Why isn't made clear, although psychologists at Keele University are working on it.



As well he might look perturbed. With all those games of animation assigned to him, it's natural that Spot will have a perturbed look.



There are some things in life you've just got to keep away from. And there are console games which keep you entertained interactively.



Oh good gracious. This game would appear to celebrate the condition whereby sebum exuded from the skin blocks the pores and causes bacteria to build up. Or it might not be. Depends whether you're a zitty oik or not, I suppose.

In fact, to be serious for a moment, the spot in question was originally something to do with the one on the sides of Seven-Up cans. But this no longer appears to be the case, so we'll leave it at that.

Right. Well you know the Global Gladiators? Well this is done by the same guy, so there are some pleasing similarities. For example, the main sprite (and hey - isn't Sprite a soft drink as well?) has got trillions of frames of animation. You will never see a normal zit moving like this.

Sigh. I suppose some plot must be included, if

only to please a Miss H. White of Plymouth, who always means that we don't ever have enough of the plot to "set the scene" for her and her boyfriend. Well, Spot has got loads of brothers and sisters (or they might just be friends, it's difficult to tell). They've all been captured apart from him, so the plucky little character must screw up his little reserves of courage and bravely set off on a foolhardy endeavour to set them free.

That's enough of this nonsense. Basically, the idea is to get through loads of packed levels. It's a sort of flexible platformer in which you can travel in virtually any direction, do whatever you want and generally try to remain cool whilst losing most of your lives.

On each level you must attain a 60 per cent cool rating, which means collecting lots of, er, Smarties or coins or something. It can be pretty blimmin' tricky on some of the later levels, but luckily if you lose a

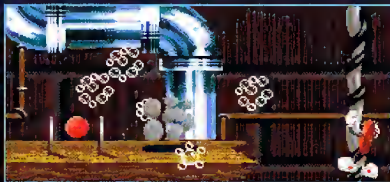
COOL SPOT

OUT, DAMNED SPOT! (Shakespeare, you see).



One rather special way to avoid being killed horribly is to get into a bubble and float around for a while, whilst still heading in the right direction and collecting the Smarties things.

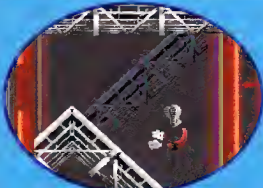
It's just an invulnerability power-up, but it's done neatly and you can effectively get all the tricky Smarties if you use it properly. And remember, if you use it for a while and then lose a life, you'll still keep the Smarties - a feature for which there's no real logic or purpose explained.



Don't forget that Spot has got loads of different ways of getting around. Here you (and indeed me as well) see him climbing what can only be described as an electric cable. It's a great way of finding more Smarties-type cool points.

Oh, and notice the weird little explosion on the left. This is the result of our hero blasting some creature thing with his ar, gun. He's quite cool. He can still blast fish, while he's a fishman.

FOR - MEGA DRIVE
FROM - VIRGIN
AVAILABLE - JUNE
PRICE - £39.99
MEMORY - 8MBITS
STOP ■



An unidentified Spot fell to his death yesterday. Police are looking for cubs to help them with their enquiries, but foul play is not suspected.

If you don't lose the percentage collected, and the Smarties re-appear, so you should be able to get your number with no hassle.

Seemingly as it's one of those lifestyle, trendy sort of games, the music and sound effects are totally rad and cool. There are loads of tunes you can select, and they're all really nicely done, with varying genres from jazz to funk and a sort of wild bluesy thing. In fact it's a bit reminiscent of *TougeJam* and *Earl*, that completely funky and slightly warped game that was out on the Mega Drive a year or two ago. Er, although I'd probably be smashed in the skull by someone wielding an oar for saying so.

And undoubtedly *Cool Spot* does look good. It's got a big production, highly polished *Sonic-y* feel to it, which makes you think of massive teams of highly-paid guys working solidly for months on it, and gives you a sort of value-for-money feel.

The difficulty level is set about right, which means that, unlike *Sonic 2*, you'll be with this one for



Do you know that book *Maus* by Fritz Spiegel? Well this little mouse looks like the mouse in that. It's quite uncanny, in fact.

quite a while. It's got lots of playability and the weird backgrounds make it different enough to assure you that it's not just another platform game.

What is bizarre, though, is the idea of an extremely well-animated spot becoming famous as a star in its own right. If you don't mind your characters being a bit hip and in your face (and not carrying a decently powerful firearm) then he could be the guy to grace the innards of your Mega Drive for a long time to come.

JAMES LEACH ■

PS. The references to spots in this review are not intended to cause offence, either to Adrian or anybody else. The publishers of *GamesMaster* would like to make it clear that even they occasionally get a few of them.



This level really is an absolute sod, with all sorts of slippery things to trip you up and so on.



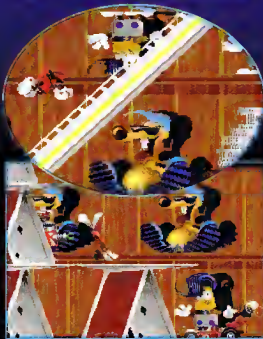
Well do you really think you're going to get *GamesMaster*-quality gags in a mere £40 game?



It's a funny thing, life, isn't it? One minute, there you are, a little red dot on the side of a can of Seven-Up. And the next - bang! - you've been magically transformed into a video game hero. What next, I wonder. Maybe we could have the video game adventures of Fred off the Homepride flour, or that chicken off the chicken Oxo cubes. The point is, I guess, that with a little marketing skill, you can turn any recognisable thing into a pop-culture character, even a bloody red dot.

Still, that's enough of that. Fortunately, the game's great! The really, really, really nice thing about *Cool Spot* is the animation of Mr Spot himself. His little bendery legs have him sashaying through the level, and his swinging arms lol at his sides in a most pleasing manner. The fact that in the last month we've had *Tiny Toons*, *Pugsley's Scavenger Hunt* and we're still got *Super James Pond* to come would suggest a definite upturn in the fashionability of the platform game. Erm. So there we are.

JIM DOUGLAS ■



Oh goodness. Insert your own card-related joke here. I mean, let's not come in here doing here. Why should I do all the bleeding work?



There's an entirely new technique with this bit. You must scramble up the uppy bits, then slide down the other bits. I know this doesn't sound very technical, but when you get to play it you'll understand what I mean. It's not difficult or anything, it's just hard to explain properly on paper.

GAMES MASTER TIP



GREETINGS!

The most important task in *Cool Spot* is to collect the coolness tokens on each of the levels.

You need 60 coolness tokens to enable you to rescue your captured colleague, so you must search everywhere, especially in the areas above ground level. There are all sorts of bonuses suspended in the skies for you to grab hold of.



Clever folk will look beyond the complicated marketing wrangles and see a game with plenty of character. Well, one character but plenty of character. You understand, I'm sure.

It's feet, it's slightly similar to some of the previously seen platform fare, and I suppose it's playable enough. That said, there's still something about the game that makes it a little ho-hum, difficult-to-get-excited about. I'd also find it a little rough to actually walk into a shop and hold my head up high, speaking in a clear, steady voice, saying, "I'd like to buy a copy of *Cool Spot*, please". Slick, competent, but a little undemanding. And it's got a silly name.

ANDY LOWE ■



Climbing up things is an important ability. Ask that Chris Bonington, or even Brian Blessed, come to think of it. He's done a mountain, too.

I wish I'd made a joke earlier about the sounds. I could have called them 'spot effects' and it would have been great. Damn.



OK. Spot's on a clockwork boat. Wanna make something of it? Well, don't laugh. Everybody's dreamed of clockwork boats at some time.

OPTIONS - A FEW

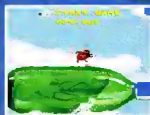
LEVELS - 10

DIFFICULTY - MEDIUM

PLAYERS - 1

SAVE GAME - NO

END ■



GRAPHICS

One of the new generation of very nicely drawn Mega Drive games. You can't fault the graphics.



SOUNDS

Those tunes just keep on a-jinglin' and a-janglin', and they're very... well, invidious, I suppose. That's a good word to use.



PLAYABILITY

Overall it's not a vastly different game to many that are already out. But as an example of the genre, it's pretty damn all right.



LASTABILITY

It's a very good platformer, but apart from a couple of the later levels, which are unique, it's reminiscent of a lot of others.



OVERALL

Good quality stuff, this. I'd rather have seen something other than a platformer, but if it's got to be one, at least it's one with quality. The graphics, sound and general, or, sickness (as I'll call it) are well up to par, and I don't believe it's going to be one you'll finish overnight, either. Jolly good how to end watch television or something.

JAMES ■

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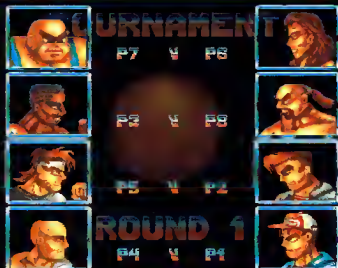
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GAMES MASTER TIP



GREETINGS!

Here's a simple tip to aid your Body Blows practice. Set up an 8-player tournament and using joystick one, select eight characters. It's now easy to test their moves without pressure from the computer or another player.



"Mike, do you want salmon spread or tuna on your sandwiches?" "Not now, dear!"

BODY BLOWS



Right. I'm not going to mention that game. You know the one I mean. Instead I'm going to entertain you with a bright, witty and incisive review of *Body Blows*—without referring to, ahem, the other thing. You know—*Streetfighter 2*. Oops. Start again...

Oh dear. It's fighting time again, folks. Yoo, as part of the continuing quest for the definitive Amiga beat-em-up, Team 17 proudly present their very own attempt.

Completely original in every way, it's the only one-on-one beat-em-up worth owning. It's crammed with astonishingly original detail and features many elements never ever before witnessed in the genre—apart from those contained in *Streetfighter 2*. Right, one last try...

Great! A *Streetfighter 2* clone. No, it's no good.

Make no mistake—*Body Blows* is a bit like *Streetfighter 2*. Official. I'm afraid there's no getting away from it. The slightly presumptuous press letter tries, rather desperately, to hide it—but it's true, I tell you! Come on, look at the facts...

Streetfighter 2—a series of ethnically variegated characters, each with his/her own 'special' moves, hit each other a lot until one falls over, exhausted of blood cascading from his face.

Best of three rounds

wins the match. While kneeling each other in the groin, you can admire a choice of wildly attractive backdrops—many of which feature bizarre, angular figures who appear to have been thrashed into an emotional frenzy of two-frame animation. When a fighter wins a round, he turns to face you and, usually, offers a semi-flourish, but triumphant howl along the lines of "We-Tail" or "Ho ho ho ho ha."

Body Blows—well, repeat the last paragraph. Sort of. Although it's blindingly obvious that the



My biggest gripe with *Body Blows* is that the characters don't actually feel as if they have much weight. They move around the screen nicely enough, and are excellently animated, but they just don't have the heaviness that they should. It's really this factor that makes beat-em-ups feel right, or not. The sheer number of characters for you to control is impressive, though, and I'm only being picky for the sake of it. So I'll shut up now.

JIM DDUGLAS ■

THAT INEVITABLE SPECIAL MOVES BOX-OUT IN FULL...





"I am Ninja. I move with the shadows and I love to kill." "Phew! A 99 and a Choc Ice, please."



"Blimey, I didn't understand that caption - did you?" "Nah. Way over my head, mate."

BLOWS

designers are a bit familiar with, um, you-know-what, they've gone to great lengths to enhance the overall game concept, and have even tried to iron out a few of the - as they see them - inadequacies. Gaspl! The audacity of it.

You now have the opportunity to take part in a 4 or 8 player tournament, in which everyone chooses a fighter, the computer sets up the heats, and everyone punches and kicks each other until only one gazzer is left standing. The control has also been tweaked rather nicely - now, each character's most powerful special move can be accessed by merely holding down the fire button for a couple of seconds (as opposed to down, diagonally down-towards, punch, up etc...).

But, the old gripe arises yet again. Why do the characters feel more like relatively impressive sprites? Surely the Amiga is capable of drawing large, sprites, animating them and then also giving them a bit of weight to add to the realism.

But enough of this whingeing. *Body Blows* is a playable, if not strikingly original variation on a theme. The 'feel' of the game is actually superior to the Amiga version of *Streetfighter 2* - and that's surely a recommendation in itself. **ANDY LOWE**



Some of the special moves here take fighting to a new and surreal plane. A lot of imagination has gone into *Body Blows*, and it's a fun, fast game with everything you could want, except for a bit more weight and impact on the characters.

This is roughly what Andy said, and he knows his onions alright. Though how a working knowledge of root crops can aid him in games reviewing he hasn't told us. He also hasn't told us where he got that girl's biter from, and that collection of slightly demented, unpaired, left footed training shoes. Still, when all's said and done, he's not as bad as Ace. **JAMES LEACH**

BODY BLOWS VS. STREETFIGHTER 2

So, you've got an Amiga, and you want to get yourself a good, old-fashioned, punch-em-up. We reckon you currently have a choice of two... Here's how they shape up against each other.

BODY BLOWS

STREETFIGHTER 2

GRAPHICS



Definitely inferior. One or two clunky animations spoil the flow. Then again, the programmers who converted SF2 merely had to copy the original graphics, didn't they?



Wonderful. They've survived the transition from SNES to Amiga quite respectably. Blanka's head-bite is still quite marvellous. Dunno about Ken's rolling throw, though.

CHARACTERS



Here we see a chap called Dup - a funny-looking, wrestling type. Ye-es, a bit rubbish, isn't he? Still, that Spanish woman's good. And Mike's pretty darned hard, too. A nice mixture.

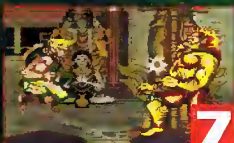


A belligerent, green individual called Blanka puts forward the case for the SF2 characters. Ah, all those favourites... Is our judgement clouded by our fondness for the SNES version?

SOUND



A definite winner. Scratchy, guttural samples like, "Get outta here" and "I'm sorry about that!" beat those maddening "He-roo-Kens" every time.



...although SF2 does have some great, solid kicking and punching sounds. Those tiny medium punch sleppy sounds are a constant source of amusement. For us, anyway.

CONTROL



Another winner for *Body Blows*. Here, Kossak demonstrates his 'Driller Killer' special move - executed by merely holding down the fire button for a couple of seconds.



Even in two-button joystick mode, some special moves on the Amiga version are almost impossible to execute and too erratic to be include in your fighting strategy. A big thumbs down.

TOTAL

And so, we rather torturously arrive at our contrived conclusion. Both games are thoroughly playable and varied. But, at the end of the day - er, Harry - *Body Blows* wins. That's the way it goes in the crazy, mixed-up world of special moves and strangely weightless sprites.

VIOLENCE IS GOLDEN

Now you know you want to fight, but where are you going to do it? In the pub? Down an alley somewhere? Nah. Use your imagination...

Body Blows offers savas different exotic and not-so-exotic locations in which to butt each other to death...

The Wrestling Ring. Transform your opponent into a quaking mass of blood, meat and hair in a safe, comfortable - and honourable - surroundings.



Surrounded by the majestic ambience of the magnificent Ninja Caves, Mike sticks the knee in. Dear me. It's not nearly as good as the Segat stage, is it?



Inside the building - apparently. Note the two somewhat bemused but bloodthirsty chaps gazing on the proceedings from the safety of the lift.



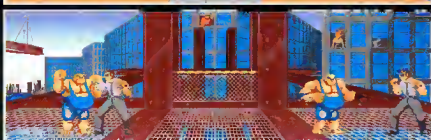
The Russian Lab. Mum. A lab technician works away, while someone attempts to disguise the fact that their special move is a bit like the dragon-punch.



Hello and welcome to the fourth in a extremely uapopular series of dance captious... So uapopular, in fact, I'm afraid I just can't go through with it.



Yes, folks... It's the Shoolin Temple. You see, in Ancient China, some make get together and lavanted fighting and stuff. (You're fired. - Ed.)



Make your adversaries bleed profusely on the sun-drenched beaches of the Costa Brava. "A 99 and a Choc loc, please." (You did that one! - Ed.)



OPTIONS - LOTS
LEVELS - 7 AREAS
DIFFICULTY - ADJUSTABLE
PLAYERS - 1 - 8
SAVE GAME - NO
END ■

BODY BLOWS

1 PLAYER GAME
3 PLAYER GAME
TWO-PLAYER
GAME OPTIONS

GRAPHICS

Generally fine and well animated, although some of the moves and background characters seem a little wonky and rushed.

SOUNDS

A great tune and fabulously tacky samples, which seem to have been robbed from the theme to a badly dubbed spaghetti western.

PLAYABILITY

Disk-sweeping, although kept to a minimum, tends to break up the action. Control of the characters is intuitive.

LASTABILITY

It is a game conceived as a multi player experience. The one-player action is fun, but the tournament mode is more attention worthy.

OVERALL

See the comparison boxset for the info on how it compares with the Amiga version of *Streetfighter 2*. If you've never seen a beat-up or - - thingy 2, then this is a fine and rollicking way to start your cramming-heads-in career.

ANDY ■

JUDGEMENT

82%

TOTAL!

100% FOR PLAYERS OF
NINTENDO

■ Super NES
■ Game Boy
■ NES

Like the look of this lot?



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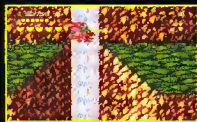
Bucky O'Hare battles toads on NES.

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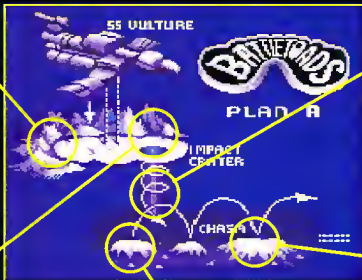
ON THE LEVEL - A TOAD OFF YOUR MIND



Err, the first bit. Hrrr, you got to kick the heddies' heads in a bit. Oh, end you can also hitch a ride on this bizarre pink creature.



The next bit. Hrrr, you must - in your distinctively nifty demeanour - dodge this gnafire from a tall, bearded robot.



Yes! It's that level. Dead easy, actually. Jump on the hover-bike, get killed, swear, try again. Gr...



The pit. Leap onto your (seemingly endless) rope and slam down - hunching away at hostile crowns and mind robotic things.



Now, thin follow in definitely a ret. Hrrr partial to bearing down on you, using his blubbery behind as an annoyingly effective weapon.

BATTLETOADS



I'm a relaxed kind of guy. I tend not to get too uptight. So it takes an especially frustrating kind of level design to have me punching and kicking the table out from underneath a Mega Drive. And *Battletoads* has that special frustration factor in spades.

In few games can you find a section as crenellously difficult as the jet-bike section here. Before you get to the jet-bikes, though, you have to work your way through some standard-yet-complicated beat-em-up action. Controlling a Battle Toad, you (and a mate if you like) must do over the Dark Queen's minions to rescue one of your Toady friends and a female type who have been taken prisoner.

As well as standard punch and kick moves, Battle Toads have special moves which can be accessed by dashing at an enemy (double click on the direction pad) and then using the attack button or, hitting an opponent rapidly enough. The specials available are The Big Bad Boot, Nuclear Knuckles and the Battletoad Butt (!) which speak for themselves and will dispense with most beddies.

Life starts relatively easily, with a maximum of two enemies on screen at once, and it won't be long before you've blackened enough eyes to panic the Queen into wheeling out an enormous mechanical thingy to blast you. It's here that you realise that

Battletoads is anything other than a normal beat-em-up like *Turtles*, say. The screen changes to a view inside the robot thing. As the... thing's lasers blast bits out of the wall, you have to pick them up and throw them out of the screen at it.

From here, you ebb and flow a huge shaft, battling away rapa-chewing crows and dodging electrical things. In this section, for some reason, you can turn yourself into a big green winking ball. Very odd. It's at the bottom of the shaft that we find the jet-bikes. After roughing up a couple of ratty henchmen, you'll stumble upon the dreaded jet-scooters.

There are plenty of stages like this, where you race to keep up with the screen. And this first one, at

least, is completely out of step with the difficulty level of the stages either side. The real killer is that in two player mode, it only takes one player to be scuffed off the screen and you're both stuffed. It's unlikely that one player is going to get through a section without making a mistake, so the chances of both performing well during the same "go" are remote.

Battletoads is a varied, colourful, original, detailed and intriguing game. It's pretty enormous, nice and slick and is largely fair. However, don't underestimate its difficulty. We only got to reach the levels shown here after a great deal of effort, on two-player mode, with two measly continents. I honestly believe it's virtually impossible. **JIM DOUGLAS**



The secret stage. Hrrr, Arnold negotiating a variant on the Tetrin thinn. (Rubbin'! - Ed).



First impression, what a crock. The graphics are hardly pushing the Mega Drive to its limits and the sound leaves a lot to be desired. It is also, without a doubt, one of the hardest games ever to have appeared on the Mega Drive. This impression is quite deceiving, however. The levels are varied and it is very addictive. The difficulty level will put a lot of people off but stick with it, it's worth it in the end, if only to see more of the Dark Queen. **LES ELLIS**

FOR - MEGA DRIVE
FROM - TRADEWEST
AVAILABLE - NOW
PRICE - £39.99
MEMORY - 8MBIT
STOP ■

OPTIONS - MUSIC/SOUND
LEVELS - 6
DIFFICULTY - 1 SETTINGS
PLAYERS - 1-2
SAVE GAME - NO
END ■

It's that ruddy snake level. I hate it! I can't think of anything more to say about it. (Wart a catastrophe this caption turned out to be). (I warned you - no toad puns - Ed).



Although it's smooth, glossy and quite a wheeze to play, *Battletoads* suffers from a few unnecessary and irritating problems. The general (unalterable) level of difficulty is so bloody high, that only heavily seasoned, wizened old gamers are going to be able to deal with it. The ego of the more casual player will be severely punched, kicked and laughed at in front of his or her mum.

The measly amount of continuous hardly makes up for this petrifyingly deviant difficulty curve and, astonishingly enough, even I had problems nailing the aforementioned jet-scooter level. Occasionally, it's like some new gameshow called Frustration... "Yes, folks. How long will your patience remain intact? Oh dear, you've fallen off that ledge. He he. Oh dear - back to the beginning of the level. Oh dear - back to the beginning... And... yee! His frustration has finally emerged. He's ferociously despoiling the joystick! He he he."

That said, I happen to think this is a fine, fine game. It's varied, funny and features some thoroughly daff and bizarre situations and characters - the comedy, snowball-flinging snowman being a personal favourite. Be warned, though, *Battletoads* is not for the faint-hearted. If you fancy yourself as a bit of a gaming maestro, check it out - it may well convince you otherwise.

ANDY LOWE ■

BATTLETOADS



GAMES MASTER TIP

GREETINGS!

If there's one thing that you will need plenty of in *Battletoads*, it's patience. A lot of lives are also handy. Since I can do nothing about your patience, we'll concentrate on accumulating a lot of lives. While in the vertical tunnel, kick a crow against a wall. This will yield 250 points. Kick the same crow back against the wall as he bounces off and get 500. Catch him again and get 750. And so on until eventually he "bongs" and you get an extra life. With the necessary skills, you can do this with every crow, arming you with possibly enough lives to get through level 2.



GRAPHICS

There's no rest for the Mega Drive's graphics chips. Super slick parallax scrolling and lots of nice expressions for the Toads.

SOUNDS

A completely rocking soundtrack, adding no end to the "dudey" theme, let down somewhat by rather limp-wristed hitting effects.

PLAYABILITY

Depending entirely on your patience and skill. It's very, very frustrating and, in two-player mode, it's nearly impossible.

LASTABILITY

Not very easy at all. And on top of that, it's very big. Also, there's loads of variety, with each level offering an entirely new challenge.

OVERALL

Not, perhaps the score you would expect, given my rather bum-tickey last paragraph, but think about it. We play games for a living so we're probably quite good at them. And *Battletoads* made us break down in tears of frustration. And no amount of lovely graphics and other treats can dilute the, well, rage that *Battletoads* can create within a player. You have been warned.

JIM ■

JUDGEMENT

78%

FOR - AMIGA
FROM - ELECTRONIC ARTS
AVAILABLE - MAY
PRICE - £29.99
MEMORY - 0.5MB PLUS
STOP ■



GAMES MASTER TIP

GREETINGS!

Well, much as I abhor violence, I can see that a lot of you will get stuck into this. Mission one may seem a bit tough at first but if you can't do it after a few hours, try this little code. Enter EQRAHJZ on the main menu to go straight to the second, more dangerous campaign. If you thought the first mission was tough, this one will blow you away, literally.



Right boys, the nudist beach is here. We need you to take photos for, er, intelligence reasons of course.

Arab leader and ask him politely to stop killing people, are you? Leave that to the diplomats (oh yeah, what an exiling game that would make). No, you go in and bomb him.

If joining the armed forces seems a bit extreme just to fulfill your need to put paid to an evil dictator, then *Desert Strike* is what you need. You wouldn't



The plot to *Desert Strike* seems a bit familiar, doesn't it? A psycho tinpot dictator tries to hold the world to ransom by invading a small, oil-rich neighbouring state. Hmm... more than a little topical, methinks. EA have categorically denied that they started the war on

purpose so that their up and coming war game would sell more copies - do we believe them?

If you avar fail like climbing into one of the rock 'ardest (*We had enough of that last issue* - Ed) helicopters around, then load up the game and get going. Right from the digitised pictures of the mean, lean AH64A Apache war machine at the start of the game you get the feeling you're in for something special. Let's face it, this game is a total action fest. Anyone who is likely to be offended by a heavily armed combat helicopter blowing away enemy troops had

better get back to playing harmless games like *Sleepwalker*, because you're going to get blood on your hands with this one.

So, if you set aside all the controversy, blood, guts and violence, what exactly do you get? Well nothing actually, because violence is what this game is all about. You're hardly going to walk up to this



Will I really turn into a homicidal maniac after playing this game, Les? I don't think so. I thought I was one already. Les does have a point though, when you see one of the enemy troops taking pot shots at you, you can't help but just turn around and drill his little body full of bullets and a couple of Air-to-Surface missiles. And then smile a bit. Oh dear, maybe Les was right. With distinct graphic and sonic improvements this does take the console version one step further. The only niggle I have is when the women's voice keeps saying warning... warning... warning, every time you get low on fuel or

armour. It just bugs me. All that aside it's still a great game.

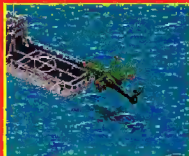
ADRIAN PRICE ■

DESERT STRIKE

HIS NOSE IS ON STRIKE - BETTER PICKET THEN!



"Oi, get up you lazy gits, there's a war to fight out there. It's only 0600. What does the 0 stand for? Oh my god it's early! No more late nights if you can't get up."



"How do we get this thing moving?" "Move that stick, jerk." "Oh yeah. Right now, which direction do we go in?" "Try to look at the map."



"Right, where's the pizza place? Not even a MacDonalds to use as target practice. Better take out some bad guys then, I suppose, to keep the chief happy."



"Look we really are lost this time, this was supposed to be a heavily protected power station and all I can see is sand, sand, oh and there's some sand."



They picked a bad time to privatise their electricity industry. Mind you the shires won't be going up but the power stations will. Just keep pylons the missiles in there (That's awful - Ed).

believe how you change from a normal mild mannered person to a bullet-spewing fiend, when you're faced with a few enemy troops advancing on your gunship.

Before you start playing, take my advice. Hook up your Amiga to a nice powerful amplifier and crank it. The neighbours will think that a war has started. (Yess. Great jape - Ed). The sound effects are just amazing. The explosions sound like they've been taken out of a movie - nothing like this has been heard before. When you're flying around you'll be submitted to a continual barrage of effects, either men screaming from being hit by stray bullets or explosions as tanks let fly at you from a distance. The effects here



are outstanding. The only one that really gets on your nerves is the Alarms-like "Warning" whenever you get into trouble.

The action is fast and frantic and there's a vast amount of freedom in the game. You can fly wherever you wish to over the landscape, take on the targets you want and basically have a good time killing people and blowing things up. (Yess, very good - Ed). This freedom combined with the various tactics you will have to use against the different targets (like which direction to attack from, which route to take and which weapons to use) makes for a stonker of a game. You'll need to put your moral sensibilities on hold in order to play Desert Strike. War is hell, and the game does dangerously close to glorifying it. If you want a slice of the old Amiga game, this is the one. I can see this game winning a lot of awards

this year. It certainly rates as one of my top three Amiga games. If you can't get CNN then Desert Strike is the next best thing.

LES ELLIS ■



This isn't what I meant when I said we should try and fence some of the Arab hardware. There used to be a satellite dish here, but thanks to a couple of Hydras they won't be getting Sky ever again.



It looks like the Queen has tried to have another one of her special barbecues, like she did at Windsor Castle a few months ago. We warned her not to see too many of those firefighters on it, but she wouldn't listen. Our intrepid chopper pilots are rushing back to the frigate to get some marshmallows to toast over the fire.

RIKE



This is really impressive. I mean, it's always been a great game, but on the Amiga it's even more impressive. And much as Les's ears are untrustworthy, having been subjected to a constant barrage of Nirvana and all those poodle-rok bands for the last few years, he's right about the sound.

So this is one game you should have. It's fabulous, and even as I speak, Les is probably playing it in the other room when he should be doing some work.

JAMES LEACH ■

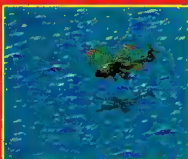
(You're fired - Ed) A day in the life of a Gulf Apacch pilot, GamesMinuter style.



"Attack, attack. Get 'em. Nuke 'em. Fire all weapons. Dispatch our rocket ships... sorry got a bit carried away there."



"There's the enemy." "Er, there's only one of them." "So what? Get those missiles fired." "Why not use the chain gun?" "Nah, it's a bit on the messy side. I want to see this guy legless."



"I'm bored. I wanna go home. All this death and destruction has made me tired. How about a few bloody frigates gone?"



"Er, how are we going to explain this when we get back home? Two highly trained pilots have just written off millions of dollars worth of helicopter."

ESCAPE FROM PRATITZ

(OR WE'RE QUITE SAFE IN OUR BABY FOOD/CHEMICAL



Hah you American slims, you'll have to stay here forever and listen to tapes of Cat Stevens.



A baby milk factory or maybe it's a chemical weapons factory.



Time for Butlins to get an overhaul, try some rebuilding with your Hydres and Hellfires.



So this is where Mansell went after he quit Formula One. Looks like he's racing MiGs in the desert.

So much for top secret missions, these bloody CNN camera men will do anything to get their pictures. And how come, if this is a secret solo mission, there are so many choppers up here.

OPTIONS - ED. LOADS
LEVELS - 4 CAMPAIGNS
DIFFICULTY - MED/HARD
PLAYERS - 1
SAVE GAME - PASSCODES
END ■



GRAPHICS

Brilliant. The next best thing to being there. A vast improvement on the Mega Drive and SNES versions.

SOUNDS

Some of the best ever. The explosions have to be heard to be believed and the soundtrack is just great.

PLAYABILITY

Dead easy to get into. Working out the best way to attack each objective makes every game different.

LASTABILITY

Each of the four campaigns has several missions, so there is enough to keep you going for ages.

OVERALL

What a conversion. This is a breathtaking Amiga game. EA have done an excellent job in bringing Desert Strike to the Amiga. It's one of the best action games out there and deserves its place on your games shelf. Finish reading this issue and then go out and buy it. Great graphics, sound and gameplay. Desert Strike has it all.

LES ■

JUDGEMENT

93%



This is the trigger from which you launch your space nanasite. They must have an industry standard as they all look the same.



These black holes are a nifty way of getting around the coasts. The computer doesn't trust you enough, so it's switched to auto pilot.

WARP SPEED



New standards have been defined with the recent release of *Starwing* (previously known as *Starfox*). Subsequent space shoot-em-ups will have to be pretty special to be considered worthy games.

WarpSpeed bears a passing resemblance to the epic space game *Wing Commander*. The plot is similar too – fly through space and kill off all threats to the human race, then return home for a nice cup of Ovaltine. The idea is to save all the deep space outposts and defend the humans on board. It might be a good idea, to point out that you're on your own in a weedy ship. You can upgrade your ship to become faster and more powerful. The only problem

is that the enemy tends to be able to do the same.

There are seven scenarios at first and a campaign. The scenarios are missions of derring-do, while the campaign links four previously unselectable scenarios from a pool of ten.

The game isn't too impressive really. The missions are small and repetitive, and with even the slightest amount of talent, you'll complete this fairly quickly. The look of the game is a bit down too. The enemy spaceships are nicely drawn, but don't enter and leave the screen too smoothly. Moving around at a billion miles an hour just doesn't seem convincing.

This is just a poor attempt at a *Wing Commander* clone. Maybe you should buy *WC* or perhaps *Starwing*, otherwise unless you're Captain Kirk, leave well alone.

ADRIAN PRICE ■



This is a Mig-29. Oops sorry wrong game. This is your Mk1 Escort/Intergalactic space cruiser.



To: Rookie
Aboard: STINDER
En: Tabor Pilot
En: Challenge

Human Stone, you peak of fear. Come and prove your courage by facing me in combat. Beware, you sp.

PRESS ANY BUTTON

Align Gita: Those poncs that go round the galaxy thinking they're a bit solid, but aren't.



Crash and Burn. Splash one Lizard, and other references to air combat one-liners. Seriously though this is when you fragment one of the snickers and send him to the Gulf of Tonkin.

FOR - SNES
FROM - ACCOLADE
AVAILABLE - A PAL
PRICE - £44.99
MEMORY - 8MBIT
END ■



GRAPHICS

They're drawn well, although everything is jerkily animated and the whole thing looks weak.

SOUNDS

Poor 'Phon Laser' sounds, and weedy gina music.

PLAYABILITY

Unless you really like roaming in deep space for a worthless cause, it won't capture your imagination.

LASTABILITY

After about an hour it gets boring and repetitive. You won't want to play it much after that.

OVERALL

WarpSpeed is a poor attempt at the space shoot-em-up genre which ends up falling flat on its face. There are plenty more, and better I might add, space shoot-em-ups and you'd be well advised to go and get one of those – *Wing Commander* should definitely be your first choice. Save your money and shop about.

ADRIAN ■

JUDGEMENT

43%

SUPER SPORTS CHALLENGE

FOR - NES
FROM - CODEMASTERS
AVAILABLE - EASTER
PRICE - £29.99
MEMORY - 2MB
END ■



Why is it that as soon as a games company comes up with a winning formula for a sports game (like the golf game *Leaderboard*) every other new game of that sport is a blatant rip-off of the original with a few tweaks added? Now, all four games on *Super Sports Challenge* may look like countless other games, but hey, unoriginal doesn't necessarily mean unplayable.

First up there's *Baseball Pros*. Play switches between a close-up of the plate for the pitch and an overview of the diamond for running.

The guys on the diamond all plod about as if they're using Zimmer frames, and the pitcher and the hitter only have a few moves to choose from. This makes the play feel samey after a few games, but it's still quite playable, although it is much better when there's two of you playing.

BMX Simulator is a version of an ancient Codemasters game. It's quite straightforward really – you race around a small track crashing into bits of scenery and desperately trying to keep up the other racers. It's a frustrating little game – the bikes are



Hey, BMX, trendy freakout, look at my new *Visage* album, yeah! BMX-leg is a bit out of date now, and this game's a little old hat too.

fiddly to control and you've got to be near perfect to make it to the next round.

Pro Tennis is an average, but enjoyable tennis sim. You direct your shots about the court with the joystick, and you can lob or smash if you're in the right place at the right time. Poor serving lets it down, although the tournament's okay and it's the best game on the cart for two players. But like the other games it's really too simple.

The soccer game (enappily entitled *Soccer Simulator*) is the worst of the bunch – lousy graphics and very basic long ball, Wimbledon FC style gameplay. Very dull and not much better with two players.

Fair's fair, the Codies have managed to put four games on one cart and they're not that bad. It's just a shame they're all so bog-standard. As they're all pretty basic there's not much scope for tactics. Most of the matches you play will feel the same as the previous one.

Sports fans who fancy a couple of the games may still get a lot of fun from the cart. But, if only the games had moved on from the old Commodore 64 and Spectrum titles that they ripped off, or sorry, were inspired by, it would have been less of a disappointment all round.

ADRIAN PRICE ■



A bird's eye view of the pitch. Aed from this vantage point you see see that this computer footie player are about as agile as Les Ellis – just pass the ball around and wack it disgracefully at the goal to score.



Calling on my vast reserves of skill, stamina, timing and a big dollop of luck I've managed to loft the ball over the fence and got a home run. Now all I have to do is sit back for five minutes and watch my player plod around the diamond at a aeel's pace. Still, it gives me time to gloat at the pitcher and boost my flagging ego.



Tennis, the sport of kings. No, that's horse riding. Is it h? Or is it polo? Or mud wrestling?



GRAPHICS

Baseball Pro's the smartest of the four and *BMX* isn't bad. *Soccer* and *Tennis* are a bit blocky and basic.

SOUNDS

One really cringeworthy tune that you can't turn off (*Baseball*) and a few effects that do their job but nothing more.

PLAYABILITY

Tennis and *Baseball* have the most to offer, although all four games are a bit dull.

LASTABILITY

They're all too simple to test as one-player games, but two players should get more fun. And there are four games, after all.

OVERALL

Four old fashioned sport games on one cart. Fun for a while, and a bargain, if that's all you want, but they're not exactly premier league material – they're all too limited to keep your attention for long. Add a second player for more fun, but you'll be crying out for more options and more verisimilitude in the gameplay.

ADRIAN ■

JUDGEMENT

76%

FOR - MEGA DRIVE
FROM - PARKER BROTHERS
AVAILABLE - NOW
PRICE - £38.99
MEMORY - 4MBITS
END ■

As you're watching the film, Short, interested vignettes are supposed to lighten the game, and manage to fail miserably.

CLUE



Cluedo, eh? Brings back memories of long wet winter afternoons spent playing this detective board - bordering on tedious - game. The question is... how well does a board game like this transfer to the screen?

The problems caused by having all the 'action' on screen start straightaway. How can each player check their own cards, when they are splashed on screen for all to see? You have to make every other player turn away while you look at yours. It's a better idea to buy the board game.

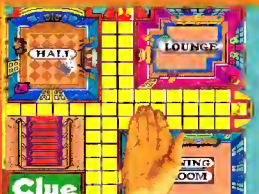
Let's take *Clue* on its own merits as a video game... The graphics are plain and the animated sequences that are proudly announced on the box are pretty pathetic. With sound which would shame a Spectrum and gameplay that, well, makes a board game look exciting *Clue* is a big disappointment.

Unless you're into playing this game all on your own, there's just no point in buying a video game version of it. Even as a one-player game it's only barely playable. Even though it is a video game you still have to write everything down, so what exactly is the point of *Cluedo* on console? You may as well go out and buy the board game, it's a damn sight cheaper and, unless you are a loner, more fun.

The reason other board games have converted more successfully to video games is quite simple. In

some of them, like *Chess*, you can learn or practise some new killer move or solution to a tricky problem. In *Scrabble* you can increase your vocabulary and word power. Even in something as complex as *Hero Quest* the extra animation and all-round souped up gameplay add to what is a classic game. In *Clue* the most you can do is, er, move around a board and, using luck more than judgement, 'solve' a crime. *Clue* is all set to vanish into obscurity where it truly belongs.

LES ELLIS ■



An unbelievably exciting shot of the board. If you buy *Clue* then we suspect that you obviously haven't got one.



Oh, not Mrs Peacock, surely not. How could it be that sweet old woman? Even if she did change her name from Delmonor and load the murder weapon in her hands, that's no reason to think she's the murderer.



"I knew it was her all along." "Oh yeah, let's look at your card. Ha! You had Mr Green."



GRAPHICS

Well, there isn't much you could do with this game. The animated sequences are a joke. The whole thing is just awful.

SOUNDS

Some pathetic whining music and spot effects. I've heard better effects coming out of my 90 year old granny when she's eating.

PLAYABILITY

As a multi-player game this is hopeless. The detective feel of the board game is lost somewhere in the conversion process.

LASTABILITY

There is no way you'll want to keep playing this. Drag too many of your friends in to play it, and you'll end up as the next victim.

OVERALL

Surely one of the most pointless board game conversions of all time. Any 'feel' the game had has been lost in the conversion. Being a video game the multi-player option is pretty much redundant and playing against the machine itself is boring. With *Monopoly* lining up to be just as bad, this is not a good start for Parker Brothers. *Clue* sucks, and of story.

LES ■

JUDGEMENT

39%

FOR - MEGA DRIVE
FROM - ACCOLADE
AVAILABLE - NOW
PRICE - £39.99
MEMORY - 8MBIT
END ■



Thanks to the action replay facility, we can see Andy falling over again and again, which is very amusing.



Look at all those people, all watching. All waiting, all watching and pinning their grubby little nationalistic hopes on your feeble abilities. Sorry.

SUMMER CHALLENGE



Brilliant! Another sports game! Since the sad old days of *Hypersports* on the Spectrum, there's been nothing I've enjoyed more than a good sports blast. The number of Stimas I've nearly bitten off my lower lip in the catatonic seizure of expression

brought on by trying to maintain the oh-so-rapid jabbing of the RUN button. Ah, happy days.

Summer Challenge is an eight event spectacular (Archery, Horse Jumping, Kayak time trials, Hurdles, Pole Vault, High Jump, Javelin and Cycling) where you end up to nine matras can compete for Queen and country against amateur, pro or world class computerized opponents.

You can practise each event individually and can analyse your performance in every detail thanks to a handy action-replay facility. Even though the events are as you would expect, each

has a certain twist or novelty factor which makes it, well, fun.

Most of the running and jumping events require frantic "b" button stubbing to pick up speed, and then either an "up" on the joystick or a tap on the "c" button to jump. By far the most complex of these is the pole vault, demanding that you run, plant the pole, ride up and then release at exactly the right moment. Tricky stuff.

Your performance will yield jubilant cheers or gasps of disappointment from the crowd. The sound is actually very good.

Perhaps the weakest events are the horse one (go around jumping over the fences) and the cycling, which involves virtually nothing except pushing "b" very quickly.

Apart from these the events are a hoot, with excellent re-touched digitised graphics and the previously applauded sound making for an atmospheric afternoon's competition. **JIM DOUGLAS ■**



GRAPHICS

Extremely impressive semi-digitized images. The Pole Vault and Javelin events are especially good.

SOUNDS

Cheers and gasps from the crowd, a eickening thud as your head hits the high-jump bar and whizzing arrow effects and swooshing water.

PLAYABILITY

Simple controls - you'll be used to them in no time. The joy of the playability is the constant fine-tuning of your performance.

LASTABILITY

More proof that even the oldest game styles can be revitalized with a bit of thought. Recommended.

OVERALL

Summer Sports is great. You're unlikely to say "Good heavens! what an original concept!" because, um, it isn't at all original. But it's been done with such polish and, well, affection that if you had even the most passing fondness for the genre, you will love it.

JIM ■

QUITE AN EVENT

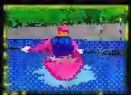
Well, even events actually. The only one we didn't include is the cycling, cos it's a bit boring. Still, here are the remaining events that await you in the Challenge.



Archery - the best event! A fab game in its own right.



Difficult and a bit long. Here Jim's about to have a tumble.



Long and boring. Nice water FX.



High Jump. Tricky yet quite rewarding.



Javelin. The best event by far.



Pole Vault. Perfect timing is absolutely essential here.



Excellent man-runs into-hurdle laughs here.

JUDGEMENT

85%



TINY TOON ADVENTURES



More Tiny Toons! These little guys are taking over. We've had them on the SNES (reviewed last issue) and just about every other system—now it's the turn of the Mega Drive. Konami's up with the Mega Drive—thank god they didn't try and port the SNES version over as is so often the case with conversions. After their previous two (disappointing) Mega Drive games *Hyperstone Hulet* and *Sunset Riders*, I was looking forward to this with more than a little trepidation. However it's the third time lucky for Konami.

The Tiny Toons are little kiddie cartoon characters. The hero of the game, Buster Bunny, has to rescue his friends from the clutches of a mad scientist who has turned them all into psychotic maniacs. So



On the 2nd stage go left and jump into the gap. Bounce off the wall to get a power-up.



Buster proves he's no wimp by doing his own version of the Marines death slide.

what action is our Buster going to take? He's going to run around loads of levels eating carrots and jumping on the heads of the scientist's devious creations. Whether it's a zombie mutant snowman (scary stuff, huh?) or a Mr Tickle robot, they all go the same way.

At first it seems a bit plain, just runnin' and jumping on everything. But a few levels in and you realise you're hooked. You need to get that bunny through those levels to find out what comes next. The haunted ship level... oh, spooky graphics. The ice level... makes you shiver just thinking about it.

The graphics, while not up to Sonic standards, are pretty damn good. The sound effects may not be mindblowing, but they suit the game. Even the music is cutesy and in keeping with the Toons.

This is one game that will keep you hooked from start to finish. It may not be the hardest game ever, but with so much going on, and so much to find on all the levels it's bound to keep you going. It's got more than its fair share of secret rooms and alternative routes, so if you do go for this one, be prepared for a lot of exploring. *Tiny Toon Adventures* is one of the best Mega Drive games I've played for a long time.

FOR - MEGA DRIVE
FROM - KONAMI
AVAILABLE - MAY
PRICE - £40
MEMORY - 8MBITS
STOP ■



GRAPHICS

Disgustingly cute characters, just as you'd imagine. This is definitely one of the best looking games around.

SOUNDS

Packed with effects and oh-so-cute music. Give your eardrums a break from huge explosions and deathly screams.

PLAYABILITY

Once you start, you won't want to stop. A hint of puzzle solving is thrown in for good measure. A classic platform game.

LASTABILITY

It's not that difficult, although there is lots to do. Even then, it won't last all that long.



Sleeping in on the job. He's definite rabbit pie material.

OVERALL

If only the levels were bigger, this would be a much better game. As it stands it is one of the best platform games you can get for the Mega Drive. Yeah, so it's cute as well but it's still fun to play. If this is a sign of what's to come from Konami then bring them on. A great game.

LES ■



JUDGEMENT

81%

FOR - AMIGA
FROM - THALION
AVAILABLE - NOW
PRICE - £25.99
MEMORY - 1 MB
STOP ■



Not a pleasant looking creature, it has to be said. It also has the unnerving habit of spewing poisonous spiders from its hideous hide.



If you ever want to become a fantasy hero, it's essential that you acquire the skill of sliding down vines like this. Every great man can do it.

LION HEART



It's a shimmer you can't see all the inavallax scrolling on this shot, it's really rather lush.



LH is so hard, he dispenses with clumsy spiders merely by swiping his foot at them.



Don't forget to pick up the energy crystals on your way round. They may be hidden.



The Lion Heart gem has been stolen from the King, and, as he's based a decidedly dodgy constitution on it, he wants it back. Chosen to recover it is Lion Heart the man, so named because it's his destiny to recover the lost stone. As if that's not enough to persuade him to take on this perilous quest, the King gives him all the motivation he needs - the promise of immense riches, the chance to recover his one true love (who was abducted along with the gem) and... the fact that he'll be ceremoniously executed if he doesn't.

The game is a hack 'n' slash platformer, with some of the best graphics you're likely to see on the Amiga. You've got more colours than an explosion in Banetton, multi-level parallax scrolling, and the main character has almost as many moves as a beat-em-up character. What's also fab is the way he interacts with the scenery. You've got vines to slide down and climb across, spinning and bouncing platforms, even insect life to call upon for services. *Lion Heart* is



Of course, it's quite an advantage to have an infatigable portable dragon to aid you on your quest.



highly impressive stuff. As for the gameplay, that's lush too. In addition to fighting your way towards the ultimate goal of recovering the stone and your girlie, there are tokens to collect which replenish your energy, and potions which give you extra lives. Don't expect to finish this one quickly either - it's a toughie - but if you do, you can go back and play it on the Hard setting, which not only makes the monsters a bit harder, but also gives you tougher levels. In effect, you've got two games in one. With all the cutesy platform games that seem to be the rage right now, it's nice to see an old fashioned hacker popping up. Sure, it's not a new theme, but this far exceeds anything else in the genre. If you're interested in seeing the Amiga pushed to the limits and beyond, with a great game into the bargain, then don't miss this.



Another convenient stop on this otherwise insurmountable, nr, tree-like thing. Kind of a hint that there might be something up there.



GRAPHICS

Thalion have squeezed all the graphic power out of the Amiga and shoved it into console territory. Astounding.

SOUNDS

A choice of high quality atmospheric music, plus very convincing sound effects.

PLAYABILITY

Excellent control of the main character, with a good assortment of moves which you will find most useful in various situations.

LASTABILITY

This'll keep you going for ages, and the Hard setting introduces new levels to conquer.

OVERALL

How did they manage that? It's a technical marvel which looks, sounds and plays like a dream. It's very hard to find anything bad to say about it. Unless perhaps you feel that fantasy hacking and slashing went out with Jethro Tull and Roger Dean album covers (and it's a fair point). There can't be any reason why you don't just go out and buy it now. So there.

LES ■

JUDGEMENT

90%



Oh get up. You really are a pathetic git you know. It won't help you stay in. I was here first and you are out - so thum. It's no use crying. Oh night, you can stay in. Just stand there and shut up.

HARDBALL 3



Look, let's get one thing straight. If I want to hear some unknown American rabbit on about a baseball game, I'll tune into the World Series. It didn't work for me in Joe Montana (That was American Football, wasn't it? Ed), and it didn't work in any other

Sportstalk game. Is there any need for another baseball game? This is Accolade's third attempt at the definitive baseball game, but is it better than the rest? Graphically there isn't much wrong with *Hardball 3*. The pitching/batting screen features large, detailed sprites that are well animated and look like business. The fielding screen is a little small and vague, which makes this an awkward section to master.

One of the outstanding features of *Hardball 3* is supposed to be the sound. There is loads of speech in there, but the game really struggles to make it work.

Al Michaels is supposed to be commenting here, but if it is him then he must have been gargling with gravel because his sounds more like a distorted robot than a sports

Stenoscribe three. You're out of there. It had to appear somewhere.



The batter stands, waiting for him to let fly at 100mph. Stupid place to stand if you ask me.

commentator. A few neat sound effects are completely overpowered by some of the worst music I've ever heard.

As far as playing the game goes, the batting is way too hard (as always), and pitching is too easy. Fielding is awkward at best. Although league options have been included as well as a friendly games, *Hardball 3* just doesn't stand out as a great baseball game. You really need to master the two-player mode before attempting a league competition, otherwise you seem to get completely lost at all times.

The Americans will probably love it, but I doubt it will go down well over here. LES ELLIS

GAMES MASTER TIP

ERA: 3.18

C: 0 mph

- + Fastball
- + Curveball
- + Fastball!
- + Offspeed
- + Strategy



GREETINGS!

When you start the game, switch your pitchers around until you get one that has more weird pitches and fewer fast ones. The computer batters find fast balls very easy to slam away for a home run.

FOR - MEGA DRIVE
FROM - BALLISTIC
AVAILABLE - LATE APRIL
PRICE - £29.99
MEMORY - 12MBITS
STOP ■



GRAPHICS

Some good design and animation - it's just a pity the fielding section is so obscure. Looks pretty much like every other baseball game.

SOUNDS

The speech doesn't work, that music is abysmal, but at least there are a few nice sound effects. This is a sonic disaster.

PLAYABILITY

Sheer tediousness in this league. After a few matches you'll want to play *Hardball* with the cart itself.

LASTABILITY

One-off games are barely tolerable, but anything longer than that is just too much.

OVERALL

Hardball 3 looks very dated. Although there are one or two nice touches, there's just no temptation to keep playing. Playing a whole season would be a life-long occupation. With so many sports games out there, I'm sure you could find a lot better than this. Put simply - you'd have to like the sport a hell of a lot to enjoy this.

LES ■

JUDGEMENT

60%

THE SAYS

Scrum down them. England have opted for the poncey light blue, while the Americans have gone for the dark blue. They're still ponces.

FOR - SNES
FROM - MISAWA
AVAILABLE - NOW
PRICE - £44.99
MEMORY - 8MBIT
STOP



WORLD CLASS RUGBY



I remember when I was at school, the good old rucks we used to get into, and the PE teacher who made us run extra laps around the field for no reason other than to see us sweat. Those were the days when rugby was a game you hated, and the quicker you got showered the better. Well, that's what it was like for me anyway. Personally, I preferred rounders.

But since I've left the rigours of my earliest PE teachers, I've actually come to like ruggers and all its finer points, like kicking and punching. Yep, if you've ever watched the World Cup on TV, and thought "I could do that," this game might be for you.

You can choose any of the World Cup teams. Each team is made up of real players with the names being slightly misspelt, and the faces being different from their real-life counterparts - presumably to protect the innocent. I mean, is Jeremy Guscott, (Bath R.F.C. winger and great bloke) a middle-aged, balding fat man? No, I don't think so. Fortunately you can change the appearance of the players along with their strips and even their names.

The game is played using a 3D perspective, with

This is where England kick off. Quite why the Americans are in the World Cup is beyond me. Why don't they just stick to Americas footy?



This is the "Make your player wear plak" screen, but I'm feeling kind, so England cos play is light blue.

the action being viewed from one end of the stadium. Each of the matches can be tailored to suit your own standards. Pitches can be changed and the time can be shortened depending on your fondness for the game. At first it's a bit hard to control and it's easier to play down the pitch than it is up. But, to add to the appeal, there is a league, which should keep the game alive for a few more days. **ADRIAN PRICE**

Here are all the teasers, but Lara's gone and put the Judgement Bar over the bottom four. Lara - just for the record, you're a git.



GRAPHICS

Nice Mode 7 pitch and some detailed characters. But do their job but the animation is a bit shaky.

SOUNDS

No "Swing lo, sweet chariot" to be found in here. Just the usual grunting and groaning involved in playing a rugby match.

PLAYABILITY

For a while it is quite fun but it can get a bit boring. After all it is only a rugby game.

LASTABILITY

Unless you really like ruggers, this probably won't hold your attention for long.

OVERALL

This is an average rugby game on the SNES. Come to think of it, this is the only rugby game on the SNES. Well, the only one worth mentioning. With a league, a two-player mode and the ability to customise your teams, World Class Rugby is well worth a look. Anyway Beth for the cup and all that, hurrah for Beth.

ADRIAN

JUDGEMENT

73%

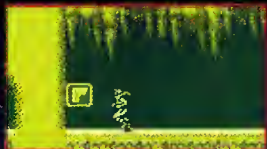
TWO WAYS TO KILL AN AT-AT



Fly straight at the armoured nut with all guns blazing on your Saowespeeder. These fly about for a while feeling chuffed with yourself. Or...



...Take it for a very long walk! Although getting the leash over its head can prove to be a bit of a problem.



These Jedi enable you to do special Jedi things like levitate, re-enactise old test hobabs.



Hey, *The Empire Strikes Back*, that sounds like a good game! And yes, it probably is, if you can get off the first level. To tackle such a task takes nerves of steel. I'll see you in about a week...

...Back again. Right then, *The Empire Strikes Back* involves one heck-ya-lot of wandering around, dying, and fighting off funny-looking creatures to make it past the first level. But once you're through, it develops into quite a tidy platform adventure.

You play Luke Skywalker, who you lead from planet to planet, getting more Force skills... erm, forced up. Once you reach the last level, you should have loads of Jedi Knight things and enough skill to use them against old Darth.

Take my advice, never trust anything with twice as many legs as you.

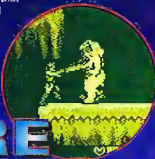
Once you've escaped the villainous clutches of level one, you'll find nine more huge levels with some dead tough gameplay. Because of the size of this game, the rather functional animation is easily pardoned. The soundtracks, however, are superb.

If anything, *The Empire Strikes Back's* gameplay is a little more ragged than *Star Wars* on the Game Boy, but the rest of the game is more challenging.

The only major thing that ruins it is the dull and tedious level one.

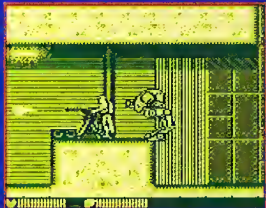
JAMES LEACH

To kill a Wampa takes a lot of wackin' with your sabre.



THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

Level two allows you to test-drive the latest Imperial Walker. They tread quietly, so this guy will never know what hit him.



Oh, Walker area's you in the wrong game? Nah mate I was here first, Psygnosis ripped me off for the Amiga game.

FOR - GAME BOY
FROM - UBISOFT
AVAILABLE - JUNE
PRICE - £25
MEMORY - 8MBIT
STOP

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

GRAPHICS

The sprite animation is a little slow at times, but at least it doesn't jerk around too much.

SOUNDS

Ooo, lovely soundtracks from the film. Very atmospheric stuff and packed with nostalgia for old Star Wars fans.

PLAYABILITY

This game's no walk in the park. The gameplay is tough and challenge is there in abundance.

LASTASILITY

It'll be a tough nut to crack, but there's no way you'd want to go through it all again.

OVERALL

Despite the offending first level, this is a very playable game—easily up to the standard of *Star Wars* on Game Boy and a lot tougher. If you thought becoming a Jedi Knight merely involved waving a dowsing rod around... umm, well, you'd be wrong, wouldn't you?
JAMES

JUDGEMENT

78%



Horn, you see as attractive arrangement of bug-eyed faces with a "moose effect" backdrop...

COSMO GANG



I'm sorry, are puzzle games fashionable any more? Hmm. Maybe ones featuring the cute, or frog-type characters from the Golego-like Cosmo Gang will do the trick - particularly if they're based on a strikingly original concept and feature plenty of colourful and cutesy graphics, as opposed to a series of rather dull geometric shapes.

The idea here seems to be - base your game on that, arm, Eastern game of shape manipulation, but throw in a little more ideas and perhaps an additional stage and eops or two... and there's exactly what Cosmo Gang - The Puzzle is: Tetris with better

...and here, is a similar thing - with plak trees. What is going on in these people's minds?

graphics, more involved gameplay and a welcome player vs. player option.

You must fit a series of L-shaped, um, shapes into a static playfield. Occasionally, the face of a frog will be secreted within the shape itself. Even more occasionally, a left or right arrow will be included and, as this is guided onto the frogs, they will be wiped out, as the arrow shoots down the structure. Cue lots of strategic planning. "Yes!"-ing, swearing and realising that, for an extra 20 quid, you could have bought Streetfighter 2 or The Lost Vikings.

ANDY LOWE ■

FOR - SNES
FROM - NAMCO
AVAILABLE - IMPORT
PRICE - £45
STOP ■

OVERALL

It won't send you into a whirling frenzy of ecstasy, but Cosmo Gang - The Puzzle features some devilishly strategic touches, and is fun enough to help you through those old summer evenings when all your friends are out enjoying themselves properly. But, for this money, you really should be setting high standards for yourself.

ANDY ■

ALFRED CHICKEN



Well, this is possibly some explosion-based bonus-collecting scenario, but I'm not too sure.



Now this is definitely Alfred, and that looks like a life or something beneath him. Seems likely.



Alfred is, undoubtedly, a chicken. His chickenness is a matter of record. Chickeningly speaking, Alfred is very. As chickeninity goes, Alfred... you get the idea. He's also a big cult star in his homeland of Thailand; where they've written comic strips about him, made a film, released records, manufactured mugs - no sorry, I'm lying. He's not famous at all.

But he should be, eh? Yes, Alfie is a chicken with attitude. Not that he actually does all that much, apart from jump, peck and flap wildly, but then chickens are like that - sort of smallish brown things with wings. (Just what is the point of the blimmin' game then? - Ed).

Alfred Chicken is a pretty straightforward platform game. Diamond collecting is the main goal, and along the way you need to contend with springs, little clockwork things which kill you, other little lift things that go round and round, and even secret rooms. (Your powers of description amaze me. - Ed). Packing a balloon acts as a restart point, which is useful because anything nasty that you touch kills you straight off.

Actually, Alfred Chicken is good fun. It's not massively original, but Alfie is a well-animated character and the game's quite a challenge, with, if you will, a professional feel all round. So, I'll leave you with this proposal - stuff the hedgahog, and make way for the chicken.

ANDY LOWE ■

FOR - GAME BOY
FROM - MINDSCAPE
AVAILABLE - APRIL
PRICE - £25.99 APPROX
STOP ■

OVERALL

Hardly a massive leap in home computer entertainment or any rubbish like that but rather good, clean, honest, homely British chicken fun with a dash of danger and a soupcon of... er... or... and a big challenge thrown in. Good graphics and sound help out a lot too. Really rather good.

ANDY ■



If I press my warriors forwards, he'll retreat and I can outflank him and punch his throat hard...



...or I could just forget the strategy and go for the best fighting sequences in the 3D section.

FOR - AMIGA
FROM - MIRAGE
AVAILABLE - NOW
PRICE - £34.99
END ■

RAGNAROK



The Swedish Chef from the Muppets and Abba, just two recent Scandinavian exports, although how this pacifist area of the world ever developed from one of the most war-like nations in history has always been a complete mystery. Ah, the Vikings... they really knew



This gang is wanted in connection with a burglary in New Malden in which cash and valuables worth a total of £9 were taken from a bar.

how to have a good time, what with rape and pillage, epic beer fests of Wagnerian proportions and board games. It's true! Apparently your average Sven liked nothing better than taking his foot to a Saxon's face, wiping the puke out of his beard, and settling down to a quick game of King's Table.

This ancient game has now been souped up as *Ragnarok*, although there's still an option to play it in its original form. On a squared-off board, the idea is for the white forces to get King Odin from the centre to one of the corners, while the black forces of darkness do their best to stop him.

Ragnarok differs from the original by having pieces with special moves or abilities, so they can move diagonally or to more places than the normal 'Einherlar', or pawns to you and me.

Although the board looks just like, well, a board really, the battle sequences liven things up with amusing animated sequences. Obviously you can play a friend, but you could do that with an actual board version, so *Ragnarok* supplies an entire pub full of suitably Nordic opponents, each with different playing styles.

I'm not too sure about the reasoning behind converting board games to video games. It's a question which also arose with *Clue* and *Monopoly*. Having said that, there is in-depth fun a plenty, but at the end of day, *Ragnarok* still costs a lot of dosh for a board game.

ADRIAN PRICE ■



GRAPHICS

Great intro sequence and suitable 'vikingy' main screen (complete with broad roll) with neat battle sequences.



SOUNDS

Average sounds get an oh-so-everage mark. Not much else to be said really.



PLAYABILITY

Easy to get into, hard to stop playing. The emphasis is on brain-malting thought rather than hammering fire buttons.



LASTABILITY

There are enough opponents for beginners as well as grand masters. If you're into strategy, this one will do you proud.



OVERALL

The combinations of opponents and game pieces make for a good variation in gameplay, and although the animated sequences are fun, the sort of person who'll like this will probably find them intrusive. Simply because, like chess, it's a simple idea making a complex game. It'll appeal to the thinkers rather than the blasters. It's expensive for what it is - if you like strategy games, you'd be better off getting an actual board version of King's Table.

ADRIAN ■



You're expecting a caption like "Come on if you're herd!" But GamesMaster isn't so predictable. Instead, we'll put "Splooshhhh!"

JUDGEMENT

73%

FATAL FURY

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This one has been converted from machine to machine so many times, it's actually transformed into a completely different game. At its source (Neo Geo) it was a beat-'em-up. Now, it's a rather dull strategy game in which you must use careful planning and battle strategy to repel an invasion of your fictional country.

It has somehow managed to retain a sliver of its original identity and, if you bought Issue 3 - then you'll have chortled with delight at our illustrious editor's review of the SNES version, in which he said he liked it - sort of - but it wasn't as good as

Streetfighter 2, the



Levitator (a severely underrated bend, actually) is one of the features of *Fatal Fury*. Er, no it isn't. A rather pathetic "joke", really.

characters didn't have enough 'weight' on them and, overall, it was a tiny bit rubbish, really.

Fatal Fury features the combined head-stoving in talents of Andy and Terry - the brothers Bogard, and their best mate, Joe Higashi. The plot is standard beat-'em-up business - visit a bunch of locations, kicking in all the henchmen of the big boss... before braving a final confrontation with the boss-cheppy himself.

There are two basic game-paths. The first is the "story" path - in which you control one of the three major characters as he battles through to the dastardly, mega-hard, erm, dude - Geese Howard. This choice is occasionally interrupted by snapshots of storyline and character conversations. The second path is the vs option - in which you can select any of the in-game characters and fight either a mate or a previously selected computer-controlled player.

It's very standard and never, ever exerts too much of an addiction-hold over the player. The special moves are awkward to access, (the characters are still a bit light and fluffy, as opposed to weighty and solid) and it doesn't play properly (there's an unsuccessful attempt to split the play-field into two horizontal planes). **ANDY LOWE ■**



Hmm. It's a bit like that geezer from out of *Body Blows*, isn't it? Mike - I think his name is. Look on Page 64 if you don't believe us.



Unfortunately, I'm unable to write a caption in this space - due to the fact that I'm suffering from severe writer's block. Sorry about that.



GRAPHICS

Generally well drawn and animated, with some nice touches come pert and quite cute backdrops.

SOUNDS

I'm sorry, I can't really remember anything about the sound. Quite telling, really. I'll give it a 1, I got a cheque in the post today.

PLAYABILITY

It doesn't have the instant appeal of *SF2*. The moves are limited and frustrating to execute.

LASTABILITY

Pretty dismal. Although this game of mine is wildly popular, it doesn't follow that all the versions will hold your attention.

OVERALL

An enigmatic and ultimately unsatisfactory experience. A low level of violence and some distinctly unwell and frustrating game design. If you want a decent beat-'em-up for the Mega Drive, then get a copy of *Streets Of Rage 2*. Now.

ANDY ■

JUDGEMENT

55%



If you're hard, you fly to your target blindfold, and bomb it using your teeth, smash your... (We're not being that hard this issue. - Ed.)

F-15



Golly leapers, *F-15* on the Game Boy. It's not a machine you normally expect to see complex vector flight aims on, is it? But let's not be hasty. Let's play the game and see what we think. Let's be, as Jim calls it, professional.

MicroProse have done about everything they can to make this a full sim. It's got a slightly simple feel to it, and the aircraft handles like an arcade space fighter, rather than a sophisticated jet simulation.



"Enemy attack vessel is our sight, sir!" "Open fire! All weapons! Dispatch war-rocket Ajax to bring back his body." "Flash! Flash. I love you!"

But there are loads of features. SAMs, air-to-air missiles, MiGs, cannons, decoys and threat radars are all proudly here, and - lots to see and do. Like the game's 16-bit big brothers, you get to carry out increasingly tougher missions, whilst earning yourself points, medals and promotions. There are three skill levels and you even get to do take-offs and landings from a carrier.

There's a save game code system and you might just find yourself using it. You see, *F-15* is actually a lot of fun. It's quick, it's intuitive and if you fancy getting into the thick of the fighting, you'll have a great time. The graphics are okay, and the addictiveness is there. So it's not a real sim, but it's a pretty good laugh and worth a look. **JAMES LEACH**

OVERALL

It sounds a bit, or, ambitious, but then they said that Stonehenge couldn't be built, didn't they? And also that Silbury Hill would never be completed.

So if you fancy an involved, menic 3D blast, why not pop round to your local blacksmith and tell him he's a poncey weed wearing a big girl's apron? Or buy this. **JAMES**

JUDGEMENT

82%



Hay! Doesn't that ball look like a little smiley head? Look, you can see his little eyes, a cute little mouth and even some sweet hair.



Ha! There he is again! I think I'll call him Anthony. He can be my special friend, who will come whenever I give a secret whistle.

SUPER GOAL



Hello and welcome to what is the first truly interactive review in GamesMaster. Simply follow the instructions in asterisks for a fuller, rounder reviewing experience.

Eh, Brian, "Insert football cliché", Still, never mind. Doesn't the SNES need a brilliant football game? Yes. And this isn't it. Don't get me wrong, it isn't bad, but for the sort of "insert slang word for money" you'll fork out, it's really not up to the job. Technically there isn't much wrong with the way the game plays, but it isn't very sophisticated. In fact it's as simple as "insert name of dense celebrity". The computer-controlled teams are faster than you (if the team is a good one) or slower, but their tactics don't tend to vary. Ha! Reminds you of "insert something that doesn't vary much".

The graphics are smooth, as you'd expect, but

they don't stretch the SNES to its limits. "Insert joke about stretchy things". Likewise the sounds. The metal-on-metal clunks for each kick are bizarre, and hint at a ball constructed of aluminium or something.

There's a World Cup tournament to enter, as well as friendly matches between any teams you want, and of course you can have a two-player effort as well. "Insert plitty comment about having no friends".

So the whole thing isn't a dead loss, but it could have been so much better. There just isn't enough depth to *Super Goal*. It sounds a duff thing to say about a footy game ("Insert sarcastic Ed comment, patently written by reviewer"), but if the teams were a bit more intelligent and there were more options, it'd be fab. **JAMES LEACH**

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OVERALL

I'm beginning to wish I hadn't embarked upon this interactive reviewing lark now. I don't think it's worked. Never mind. Hmm. *Super Goal* can't slag it for being poor because it isn't. But you get the idea it could have been better, with more addad. Still, Brian, it's a football game, so we'll give it 101% (*Insert a goal-post into James' bottom immediately*, Ed).

JAMES

JUDGEMENT

76%

REVIEW



People often ask what exactly makes a short? Well, it could be like our art bod Lam, i.e. not a very tall person, but that would be too much like a pathetic attempt at humour at someone else's expense. It could be an alcoholic drink but no-one here partakes in alcohol (apart from Andy who drinks like a demon). So it must be a game that fits into one of the following categories... It could be a game so naff and unbelievably bad that it never warranted a bigger review. It could be a game that looks so incredibly complex and hard to understand that everyone looks at it and says, "Er, I'm busy at the moment" when it comes to reviewing it. Unfortunately being a multi-format mag means that there are some titles that we can't give as much space to, but don't worry you'll find them all here, somewhere.

Let's begin this month with some rock hard heroes. The **Two Crude Dudes** (Mega Drive) burst onto the scene with their official UK release. Unfortunately TCC has been out for over a year on import so the impact has been softened somewhat. It sounds like a game that could feature Andy and Les, although it is in fact a fairly average beat-em-up featuring two beefy heroes who walk around duffing everyone up. Occasional interaction with the scenery

manages to lift this above tediousness, just. But with all the other exceptional combat games out there, this just doesn't cut the ice any more. **61%.**

As far as heroes go, you don't get much more heroic than **Band James Bond - The Duel** (Master System). It is practically identical to its Mega Drive sister version. It's packed with 16 levels and features all the bosses and bad guys from the movies (well most of them). This is one of those rare games (along with Sonic

and Sonic 2) which suits the B-bit Master System more than the Mega Drive. It's a little easy, but it's still worth a look. **76%.**

More heroics with **Mega Man 3** (Game Boy). The diminutive mechanical hero has had enough of kicking butts on the NES and is partaking in a very successful crossover to the Game Boy. All the attention has been focussed on the gameplay, so what you get is a superbly playable game with very little sound and some shoddy graphics. This challenge is there but it is dead easy to get into. A dead cert hit **80%.**

As if that wasn't enough, every girl's hero Mel Gibson makes his video game debut in **Lethal Weapon** (SNES). The game is supposed to be based on all three films, but if it is, then it is very loosely based indeed. For a start the films were good, and this isn't. Poxy graphics and some irritating quirks to the gameplay make this very frustrating. Stick to watching the movies. **46%.**

Moving quickly on from heroes, we come to what can only be called a



Lethal Weapon - more like whimsical tool. I can't remember flame throwers in the movies.

complete non-event starring anti-hero Macaulay Culkin - **Home Alone 2** (NES). To quote one of GamesMaster's more forgiving writers it is, "another utterly dire and uninspiring film license taken from a dire and uninspiring film featuring probably the most loathsome and odious, not to mention obnoxious, child star ever to slither smugly across the screen." Andy really does have a terse turn of phrase, don't you think? In the game there's nothing to do, nothing to explore and nothing new whatsoever. Altogether a pointless game to waste money on. **35%.** but that's being generous. Cute, childish and naff.

All that kind of links us rather nicely, and why not to **Herley's Hunsontown Adventure** (SNES). It's got cute graphics, childish gameplay and is very naff. You have to negotiate platforms and household items to piece together your shrinking machine (smacks of Honey I Shrank the Kids - another pathetic film) so that you can grow back to being big again. Take our advice - don't bother. **27%.**

From the unbelievably crap to something a little better, Lynx owners can now get their teeth into **Dinolympic**, which is basically



They're crude, they're dudes, and there's two of 'em. That makes them the Two Crude Dudes. Inspired, eh?



He doesn't look much like Cosgrove, Moore or Delton, but James Bond is still an all-road super-hero on the Master System.

SPACE HOPPER

One of the most superior games that has appeared is **Bucky O Hare** (NES). The intrepid space pilot and captain has to solve puzzles on four worlds in order to save the universe from aliens - you know the sort of thing. I'm sure. It's fairly difficult and should provide more than enough challenge for most people. **84%.**



Bucky O Hare, righter of wrongs. Ultimate good guy and, alright, he's a ham who flies in space.



Solve this then, you pesky rabbit. How do you turn one rabbit into two equal servings of rabbit pie?

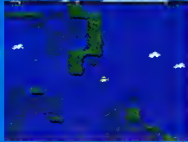
SOFTWARE PIRACY

Pirating pirate ships is a dead end, yet combined to pirating pirate ships like those I **Pirate** (NES). Taken from the classic Micropross simulation, this has to be one of the best releases in a long time on the NES.

No-one is safe on the water as you and your marauding band of ruthless henchmen raid ships, attack towns, and basically prove yourself to be a pain in the ass for all the god-fearing folk around you. Great depth of gameplay and well worth a look. **89%.**



(One pirate captain and you're out. - Ed. Ah ha Jim I said.



Ah ha, yo ho ho and a bottle of... (I warned you. - Ed.)

SHORTS



Harley's edventum may be humouegous but it's also a bit on the cash side.

Humans on the handheld. The 16-bit versions proved to be a little sluggish, but this could well be the definitive version. *Humans* owes more than a passing nod to *Lemmings* and apart from the harsh timing on some of the higher levels it is a great translation. **80%.**

From running the human race to something a little less ambitious, **A-Trein** [Amigo] is a cross between *Sim City* and *Railroad Tycoon*. You get to run a railroad of your own. And let's face it you couldn't do a worse job than British Rail are doing at the moment. You have to handle all the elements of planning and running the railroad. Although this game is pretty complex and daunting it is surprisingly easy to get into and well worth a try. **82%**

If companies were given awards for the most out-of-date releases, then Sega would surely clean up with the release of **G-LOC (Mege Drive)**. There has yet to be a version of this game that has turned out to be any good and this definitely isn't the one to break the mould. You could play it with your eyes shut and still have as much success as you could with them open. A sure-fire candidate for one of the worst Sega games ever. **21%.** Come to think of it this award is going to be a close run thing.

Giving **G-LOC** a real run for its money is **Outrun 2019 (Mege Drive)**. It's the third or fourth in the series and they've all been basically the same. There are only four cities which you can race around and it's all very tedious. A five minute wonder if ever



Looke just like every other *Outrun* game, and they were all completely rubbish as well.



G-LOC - why, why, why, why, why,
why, why, why, why, why, why,
why, why did Sage release this?

there was one, **30%**.

The Mega Drive is not the only system with contenders for the crap game sward. **Sylvation** (SNES) comes top in coming bottom. You control a dragon and fly round a series of similar tunnels shooting stuff. Again, complete trash. **18%.**

Cute is also playing a big part in *Review Shorts* this month. **Flying Hero** (SNES) is a vertically scrolling blast with a sense of fun. At least we assume it's supposed to be fun, because it's hard to take a game seriously when it features a young boy with wings flying around shooting monkeys and lots of furry creatures. If it is serious, it's bound to have the animal rightsists up in arms. It's all very run-of-the-mill. **68%**

Titanic Tha Fox (Game Boy)
couldn't really be anything but cute if it tried. It is a fairly standard platform game for the Boy featuring 17 levels of disgustingly cute action. Two players can link up and help each other, but does anyone ever really do that? **87%**

The ultra cute continues with **Creatures (Amiga)**. Converted from the old C64 you play a furry creature who has to travel round rescuing other furry creatures. Mm, very



Sylvation – another staff blast that gives *Alien Vs Predator* a challenge for the worst game award.

appealing. Unfortunately it is just another bog-standard platform game, with the emphasis on bog. **60%**

Nintendo's Super Scope has hardly had the huge mountain of games that you would expect. The latest is **X Zone** (SNES), and it's not very good either. Things come on screen, you shoot them, I think that spells it out. Lots of zoomy Mode 7 stuff but it's still not that impressive. It's the kind of game that makes you wish that your parents had bought you the *Streetfighter* peek for Christmas instead of the Super Scope one. **54%.**

The SNES gets two baaball gamaa this month, but **Pro Baseball League** (SNES) is probably the best baaball game yet. The graphics are cartoony and the whole game is just fun to play. It's fast enough to be exciting, but slow enough to be possible to play. **79%.**

From sports to puzzle games now, with the same game on two formats, neither being very good. **Wordtris** (SNES), is basically *Tetris* with words. Letters fall down and you have to arrange them into words, extremely tedious on the SNES and the idea doesn't really work. **31%**. Same goes for **Wordtris** (Game Boy), you get



X Zone - let's hope you're not one of the people who bought a Super Scope this year.

Tetris with the machine, so why you would want this as well remains a mystery, **33%**.

Enough of the brain power. Let's head for some all-out violence. Why use your brain when your fists and your feet get more direct results. **Renegade** (Meister System) is a cut-down version of *Streets of Rage*. The graphics are a little disappointing, but the gameplay is kind of fun. However the novelty soon wears off and it turns into a poor attempt at a beat-'em-up for the ageing Sega. **45%**

How about blowing the hell out of a bunch of aliens? Try **Burai Fighter** (NES). It's big, it's tough and the aliens just keep on coming at you. *Burai Fighter* has to be one of the best blasts out for the NES. **83%**

Now that we are coming to the end of this month's round-up, let's sit back and relax with some gentle water sports. **Wavy Race (Game Boy)** is a racing game with a difference, it's all set in water. It's more fun in four-player mode, although as a one-player game it's still more than okay. There is a battery back-up, so you can save it as you're going along. There are better racing games out there but this is well worth taking a look at... **80%.**

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AMIGA POWER

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MEGA

JUNGLE STRIKE, the follow-up to Desert Strike is previewed in all its glory. And Mega takes a long look at the Mega Drive Virtual Reality Headset, due for release later this year. Up for review are TINY TOONS, MUTANT LEAGUE FOOTBALL and for fighters there's FATAL FURY. And if you're looking for tips, you can't go far wrong. Look out for the solutions to SPIDERMAN and WORLD OF ILLUSION.



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Just wait until you see X-WING. This is what space style shoot-em-ups are all about, brought to life by the power of the PC. Also reviewed is an adventure called SHADOW OF THE COMET, plus DOGFIGHT and Ocean's great charity release SLEEPWALKER. There are two disks on the cover with bags of useful software, and a demo of the isometric killing game SYNOICATE.

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL!
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The magazine for all Nintendo owners has gone Mario nuts. As well as an in-depth feature on just about everything to do with that plumber tella, there's also a free badge to be had. And a guide to SUPER MARIO LAND 2 on the Game Boy.

PLUS! A review of one of the most original games this year - THE LOST VIKINGS on the SNES. Find out all about it, and catch some stuff about the brilliant ALFRED CHICKEN on the Game Boy, as well as SUPER SPORTS CHALLENGE on the NES.

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ST FORMAT

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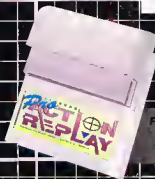
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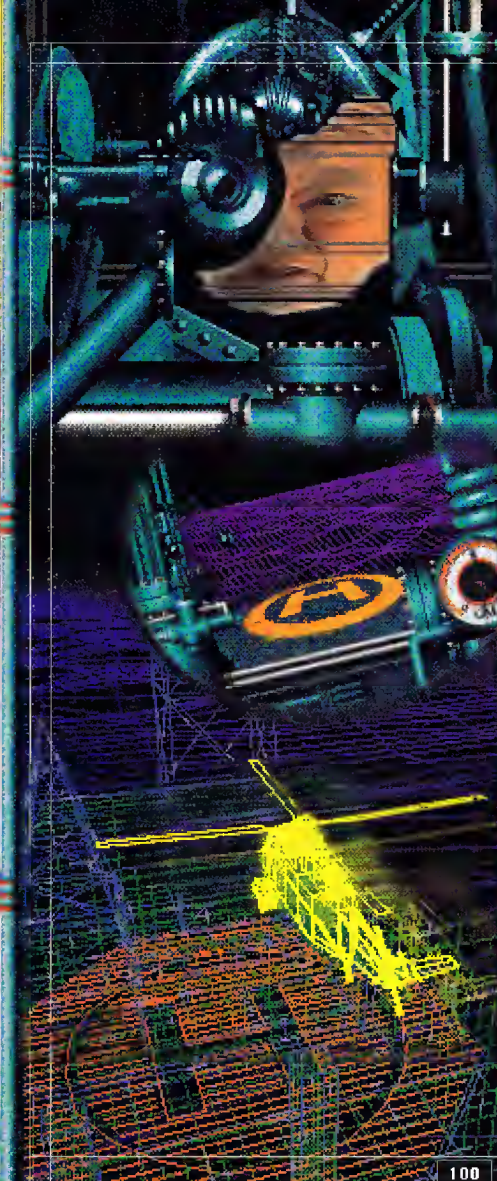
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The Bitmap Brothers blast back! And here's your chance to blast back at them, with our exclusive maps of levels one and two and other invaluable character cheats.

CONSOLEATION101

The month's most tricky yet interesting problems answered by the GamesMaster himself.

CYBERNATORSNES 113

You might be rock hard once you're in your assault suit, but you may still need some assistance dealing with the multiple menaces which this SNES stormer will throw at you. Help is, as you really could've guessed, at hand.

STARWINGSNES 110

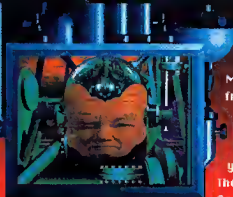
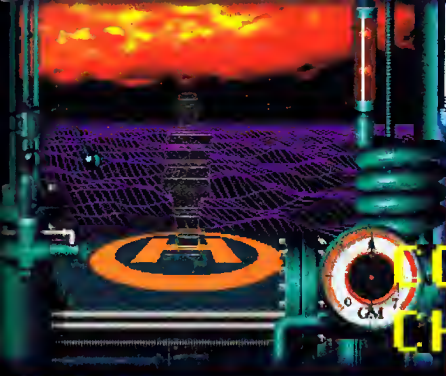
It used to be called *Starfox*, and now it, er, isn't. But whatever you call it, this is Nintendo's biggie of 93, and it's brilliant! And we know all the secrets!

STREETFIGHTER 2SNES 102

Oh, alright, alright. This is absolutely, positively and definitely the best *Streetfighter* tips special we'll ever do. Well, until the next one, maybe.

SUNSET RIDERSMEGA DRIVE 106

"Yee-ee", and indeed, "haw!" Having difficulty in the rooting, tooting shoot-em-up from Konami? Well eat your grits and dang your britches if we haven't gone and done the most degnebbit-ly incredible tips your Mega Drive has ever seen in tarnation, or something.



Most gracious greetings from the Consoletation Chamber. Yet again I've returned to soothe your furrowed brows. Send your questions to me at - the Consoletation Chamber, GamesMaster, 30 Monmouth St, Bath BA1 2BW.

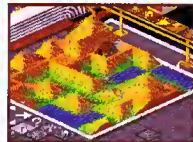
CONSOLETATION CHAMBER

SUPER NES

DEAR GAMESMASTER,

I would be really grateful if you could help me out with a game. The game in question is *The Addams Family* on the SNES. All I need is a few codes or something to help me get a little further in the game.

Joa McAllister, London



See this little mud hut. That's your house that is end see those... (That's enough of that. - Ed).

Hmm... *The Addams Family*, eh? Try this. If you enter the code

11111 at the start of the game then you'll be awarded with 100 lives, but be sure not to pick up an extra life until 99 lives are left.

DEAR GAMESMASTER,

I've heard that there is a special technique on *Super Mario Kart* that will allow me to get an ultra-quick start. Please could you tell me how to do it.

Christopher White, Aberdeen

To get the head start on the field follow these instructions. When you're on the starting grid, press button B half a second after the first light comes on. Keep it pressed down until you race off into the distance.

MEGA DRIVE

DEAR GAMESMASTER,

I have the game *Populous*, but, due to my lack of skills, I can't get to the later levels. Do you have any cheats?

Shona Morgan, Newcastle

Well, I'll give you a few codes - but I really don't think your skills will be up to the standard required to deal with these levels.

Level 400 BADMEILL
Level 425 BURKEPIL
Level 450 JDSYMAR
Level 475 MINCEME
Level 494 WEAVUSPERT

DEAR GAMESMASTER,

I spend all day and most of the night playing *Road Rash 2*, but my greatest problem is that I'm not good at it. Please can you give me any codes to put me on the later levels?

Chris Banks, Poole

Right, here are a few codes which will give you instant access to the later levels.

Level 3 OGTYN JANM
Level 4 OIM7 CB08
Level 5 ONOP LS01

Also, if you want the 'Wild Thing 2000' bike, follow this little procedure. At the start, hold Up, A and C and press Start to get into the

game. You'll now have the best bike and infinite nitros.



This is famous racing enthusiast, Scott, coming a cropper. And he still finished the race.

DEAR GAMESMASTER,

Can you give me all the Mega Drive cheats ever?

Luke Wenn, Newport

No. You didn't even say please, now did you?

AMIGA

DEAR GAMESMASTER,

I've just got an Amiga and with it the game of *Sleepwalker*. While it's a great game, it's also quite difficult. Can you help me, oh reverend master?

Paul Allan, Norwich

Dh reverend master. Yes, yes, all right, here is a little (heh) cheat. Type in: DING A DING DANG MY DANG A LING LING LING (all one word without any hyphens) and when you press Return, you can skip levels, and Tab will top up Lee's energy bar.

DEAR GAMESMASTER,

Will you put me out of my misery? I've been playing *Flashback* for days and don't seem to be getting anywhere. Can you help me?

David Eldon, Penzance

I have some level codes for you.

Level 2 TDIT Level 5 SCS1
Level 3 LYNX Level 8 GARY
Level 4 ZAPP Level 7 PONT
These should keep you occupied.

AXELAY (SUPER NES)



Now you can play with invincibility on any level you like. This incredible phenomenon is demonstrated here by the Axelay ship and its crew member Mr RJ Jenkins of Slough.

DEAR GAMESMASTER,

Please could you help me on *Axelay*? Are there any cheats for a level or weapon select?

Andrew Dakley, Normanton

Indeed, I have a laval select tucked up my sleeve (from Andrew Harvey of Durham), but not a weapon select. On the title screen where it says Sat-Up and Start, repeatedly press Up and Down until the stage number appears in the bottom left-hand corner of the screen. And another tasty morsel is for invincibility. Press Start twice during the game, wait for a second then press Start again. Now press Select, Up, Down, Left, Right, Y, B, X, A. Then unpress the game.

If you've done this properly your lives will be replaced by the word Mutok.

STREET FIGHTER

COMBO FRENZY

As a sort of sequel to the Level 7 guide in Issue 3, and in an attempt to satisfy your insatiable demand for ever more laggy and satisfying combinations of moves, we present the ultimate **SF2** combo guide. Transform previously confident and well educated friends into diabolical, quivering wrecks with these well researched tactics for some of the more, ahem, advanced players out there... as discovered, compiled, tested and handed down the generations by Andy Lowe, and our resident **SF2** elite challenger Gary Blake and Gavin Dereck.



KEN AND RYU



1

PUNCH/DAGON.

Move in close and begin to execute the dragon-punch motion (towards...). Now, as you pull down on the joyed, hit any of the punch buttons (preferably fierce) and finish off the dragon-punch. Ken/Ryu will execute the punch, followed instantly by the dragon. This is a devastating combo and is well worth practicing.



4

SWEEP/FIREBALL.

Position yourself within sweeping range and perform a medium sweep, immediately following through with the fireball movement. This is quite a fluid movement which requires quite a bit of practice. Again, it's best to practise this sort of fluid, two-stage combo with either an extremely tolerant friend or with the joyed jammed into the down-block position.



2

PUNCH/FIREBALL.

Hit any punch button at the same time as performing the fireball movement. You should perform a punch followed instantly by a fireball. Tap the button a couple of times to make this a little easier.



5

PUNCH OR KICK - SWEEP/FIREBALL.

Follow the instructions for (3) but follow up with the Sweep/Fireball combo. This combo can be made even more devastating if, as your opponent rolls from the fireball, you walk towards him, tapping medium punch. With a bit of luck, you'll grab him for a throw.



3

PUNCH OR KICK - PUNCH/FIREBALL.

Jump towards your opponent and, instead of aiming your kick/punch at their head, wait a while and direct a blow to their midriff. Now, as you land, it will be a lot easier to follow up with an immediate Punch/Fireball combo.



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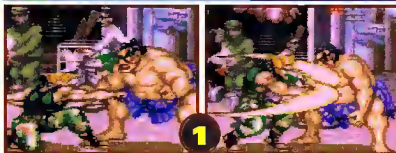
PUNCH/KICK - PUNCH/FIREBALL OR PUNCH/DAGON.

Jump in and hit your opponent as late as possible (on the back of the head) with a medium or heavy punch/kick. Follow this through with a Punch/Fireball or Punch/Dragon.

Try sweeping the fireball for a hurricane kick occasionally.

FIGHTER 2

GUILE



PUNCH/SONIC BOOM.

Charge up a Sonic Boom. When within punching range, quickly hit any punch button and follow through with the Sonic Boom movement. To ensure the most effective combination, punch with the joypad control.



PUNCH/FLASH KICK.

Charge up a Flash Kick. When opponent is in punching range, execute a jab or medium punch followed by the Flash Kick. To perform this combo using force punch, the joypad must be centred when hitting punch.



PUNCH OR KICK/SONIC BOOM.

Jump to your opponent and charge diagonally down (for Sonic Boom or Flash Kick). Execute a flying kick or punch as late as possible and follow through with punch, punch, Sonic Boom or punch, punch, Flash Kick.

E. HONDA



MEDIUM KICK/CROUCH PUNCH.

When your opponent is stunned, get up close and hit medium kick for an initial two-hit attack. Hold down crouch and follow through instantly with a downward hard punch.



BODY SPLASH/MEDIUM KICK.

Jump in with a Body Splash (pull down on the joypad and repeatedly hit medium kick). Immediately follow through with a medium kick double-hit. This is a re-dizzy combo so repeat it whenever you get the chance.



JUMPING PUNCH/HUNDRED-HANDED SLAP.

Jump in with a late jumping punch. As you hit punch button and connect, repeatedly tap the button. As you land, kick into the hundred-handed slap. Very effective with the opponent trapped in the corner.

CHUN LI



ULTRA-SLAOGY TECHNIQUE.

Walk to your opponent and repeatedly tap the medium punch button. Chun Li is so fast, she can win a round just by throwing her opponent repeatedly. Keep walking towards the enemy and ignore his/her blocks.

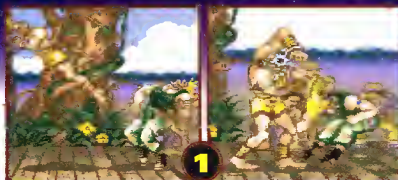


PUNCH/KICK/PUNCH.

Jump in with any punch followed by a downward medium kick. Push into your opponent and immediately follow through with a (hopefully) dizzying standing hard punch.



DHALSIM



FIERCE KICK SPEAR INTO YOGA NUGIE.

Jump towards your opponent and fly in with a Fierce Kick Spear. As you connect (whether the move is blocked or not), repeatedly press Medium Punch for an instant Yoga Nudge.

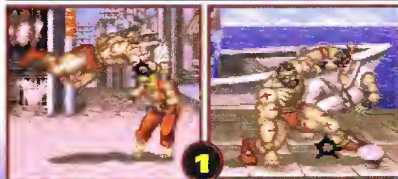


FIERCE KICK SPEAR TO YOGA NUGIE/SLIDE OR REPEAT.

Repeat (1) and, as your opponent shakes out of or reels back from the attack, slide in to knock him over again or repeat from the beginning of (1). Vary the third part of this combo to confuse your opponents. Stick to the slide if faced with opponents with good dragon-punching abilities.

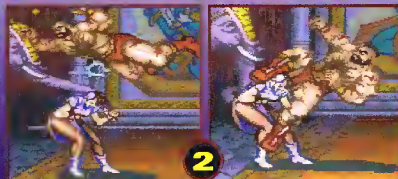


ZANGIEF



BODY SPLASH INTO FLOOR SWEEP.

Jump towards your opponent and flatten him with a Body Splash (fierce punch). Immediately duck down for a floor floor sweep.



BODY SPLASH INTO DOUBLE-HIT KICK.

Same as (1), only follow up the Body Splash with a standing Double-Hit fierce kick. Vary this combo with jab punches or quick standard or spinning Piledrivers. After the Body Splash, it's also possible to push into your opponent (with medium punch) for the Stomach Pump moves.

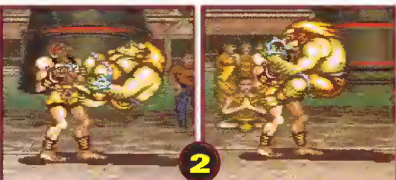


BLANKA



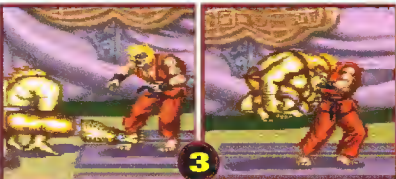
TRIPLE-HIT REOIZZY COMBO.

Blanka has some excellent combos, and this is probably the easiest and most humiliating. Jump in and immediately charge back and down (as with the Guile combo). Hit the opponent high with either a fierce punch or kick end, as you land, crouch down for a medium floor kick. Now release the charge and push forward for a fierce Rolling Attack.



SEVEN STAGE COMBO.

Follow (1) and, after the Rolling Attack section, move in for a head bite and, as your opponent comes out of the bite, repeat the triple hit combo from the beginning. With an unsuspecting opponent, it's possible to wrap up a round with 89/90 seconds to spare.



MEDIUM KICK INTO ROLLING ATTACK.

Sit charged end, as your opponent jumps in short, hit him with the medium kick and immediately follow through with the roll.



FOUR HIT COMBO.

Jump in with a hard punch and follow through with a standing medium punch and crouching medium kick. Particularly devastating if the first hit connects as the others are unblockable. All of Blanka's combos are effective and variable. Experiment with different punches.

THE CHAOS ENGINE

THE CHARACTERS

Character	Cost	Weapon	Specials
BRIGAND 	2750	Rifles	Shot Burst Molotov Attract monsters
MERCENARY 	2750	Gatling Gun	Bomb Mines First Aid
GENTLEMAN 	2500	Flemer	Map Attract Repellent Party Power
NAVY 	3000	Cannon	Dynamite Shot Burst
THUG 	3000	Shotgun	Molotov Air Burst
PREACHER 	2500	Lightning	First Aid Map Shield Freeze

THE CHARACTERS

The Nevvie and the Thug are the two most powerful characters. They move slowly but have powerful weapons and a few destructive specials. They can take a lot of hits before being killed, but are relatively stupid and not much use as computer-controlled characters to begin with. The Brigand and the Mercenary are the best all-round characters. The Gentleman and the Preacher are relatively weak. They can only take a few hits but are very fast moving and intelligent. They come with a wide range of useful specials.

For the novice player it is best to select either the Brigand or the Mercenary as the human controlled player (HCP), and either the Gentleman or the Preacher as the computer-controlled player (CCP). The Nevvie is a very strong player to choose as the HCP but he moves slowly.

In a one player game all the money collected is split 50/50 between the HCP and the CCP, so you don't have to worry about who shoots what during play. If he dies, you will have to pay for him to be resurrected, so it's best to share out power-ups and such things fairly so he stays alive. In the game the CCP's actions can be influenced by the HCP. It is important to realise that CCP cannot see through the HCP, so will not run for things if you are blocking his line of sight. If he has nothing better to do, the CCP will always attempt to get behind the HCP, by a combination of moves and turns. The CCP will only move towards food if he has less energy than the HCP. He will collect it if he runs over it on his way to something else. The same is true of extra lives. He will not collect any object, no matter how much he needs it, if that object would affect the map or generate monsters. Therefore he will never pick up keys or the like.

The money is shared out based on what each of the characters does. Nodes and keys are important to collect. The last node, the one which opens the exit, is the most important, since you will be credited for opening the exit as well as activating the node. You are awarded points for collecting keys and activating nodes. Points are also awarded to the first player out of the exit. An extra life is awarded to either player, in either version of the game, for scoring a multiple of 7000 points. Whilst you are playing the game keep an eye out for background detail. Look out for shadows in the wrong place, rock pillars with faces on, a tell-tale geometric pattern of stones or something appearing on the edge of the screen. Things are not always as they seem, so do not be afraid to experiment.

Each character's weapon changes and improves when it's powered up on each level. The Preacher, being a Godly type, doesn't conform to this, so isn't included here.

	GENTLEMAN	BRIGAND	NAVY	MERCENARY	THUG	KEY
1	Normal	Normal	Normal	2 Bullets	2 Bullets	STT - Single fire, bullets travel through monsters
2	Damage	Damage	Damage	Damage	Damage	DTT - Double fire, bullets travel through monsters
3	Damage	ST	ST	3 Bullets	3 Bullets	TTT - Triple fire, bullets travel through monsters
4	Damage	Damage	Damage	Spread	Spread	OTT - Quad fire, bullets travels through monsters
5	Double	Double	Double	Damage	Damages	Note that the bullets from the Gentleman's gun (the Flemer) and the Preacher's gun (the Lightning) always travel through monsters.
6	Damage	Damage	Damage	4 Bullets	4 Bullet	
7	Damage	DT	DT	Spread	Spread	
8	Damage	Damage	Damage	Damages	Damage	

WORLD1: LEVEL 1 THE BEGINNING



As the name would suggest, this level provides a very gentle introduction to the game.

Shoot the first node that you come across to reveal the set of Silver Keys at 1. You must collect these keys to which then allows you through a gap in the trees immediately to the east, which, of course you will travel through. Collect the Gold Keys 1 to open the small, secret room immediately beneath you. Easy as pie, really.

WORLD 1: LEVEL 2 MUD RIVERS



Shoot the first node that you come across to reveal the set of Silver Keys at 1. Collect these keys to create a bridge across the mud immediately beneath you. If you collect the Gold Keys at 1, a pair of bridges will appear allowing access to the small island with Gold Keys 2 on it.

Note that the monster which patrols these keys can be shot from the safety of the main island. If you collect this set of keys, Gold Keys 3 will appear, these in turn will create a bridge immediately to the east of them, allowing you to enter the hidden area.

Pick up Silver Keys 2 to reveal the bridge to the east and allow access to the rest of the level. You are then faced with a choice by the narrow bridge which leads out to Gold Keys 4. If you venture down here and collect the keys, you must then retrace your steps and head north, having elected to take the

top route up the narrow isthmus which is surrounded by small islands. This is the more hazardous of the two choices. If, however, you ignore Gold Keys 4 and continue around them to the south and east, by the time you have shot the node, the keys will have disappeared and you will have to take the bottom route to the final island.

The only way to exit the level is to shoot the last node which is down a pit at the end. This node may be activated by throwing an appropriate special weapon into the pit (like the Bomb) or collecting Gold Keys 5 which will complete the set of steps and thus allow the node to be shot.

If all this sounds a bit difficult, it's not. Well, not when you've got the game playing in front of you. Er, come to think of it, it is a trifle complicated. Not as complicated as 'who shot Nice Guy Eddie?' though.

WORLD 1: LEVEL 3 RINGS



After coming down the steps from the start position, you are presented with a choice of routes. You may either continue due east in relative safety past the trees, or head south to follow a parallel route past the rock face. The latter leads you past Gold Keys 1. These create a set of steps at point 3 which allow access to the top of the western side of the central ring. As you approach the stick of dynamite at point 2 you will be surrounded by beetles. Collect the dynamite to kill them all off and to reveal a circle of gold rings.

If you shoot the rock-pillar with a face, it will blow up, allowing you to collect Silver Keys 1, which open the central ring. Once through the ring, Gold Keys 4 will shut down the monster generator directly outside, so you won't have to shoot all the Lizardmen.

To get out of the next section you must collect Silver Keys 3. These open the room which contained Silver Keys 2, but by the time you get there, the latter have disappeared. There is no way that you can get this set of keys. If you shoot the node in this room, Silver Keys 4 will appear in the ring of stones outside the door. This set of keys will open the way forward. They will also reveal Gold Keys 5.

Gold Keys 5 open access to the secret area immediately to their west. Go all the way to the bottom of this area and collect Gold Keys 6. These change the middle pillar in the western column, at point 5, so that it has a face on it and can now be shot. Shooting this pillar will allow you access to the secret room to the east and Gold Keys 7. These keys, in turn, open the final secret room of the level at Gold Keys 8.

To leave the next section you must obtain Silver Keys 5. To do this, simply collect the gold ring which is to their north and west. This will cause them to disappear from the top of the wall and reappear within reach.

To reach exit A, you must first activate the node at point 6. This will reveal a coin, slightly behind you, to the east. Collect this coin and another will appear, again slightly to the east. After following this chain of coins, you will discover that the way to Silver Keys 8 is open; these create a set of steps up to the ledge and the exits.

If you have managed to collect Gold Keys 7, the wall at the extreme western edge of the ledge will be open and if you collect Gold Keys 8, a node will appear. Activating this final node will open exit B.

WORLD 1: LEVEL 4 THE ROCKIES



There are two start points to this level (A & B). Which is used depends on which exit you took from the previous level.

Silver Keys 1 can only be collected if you begin the level at Start B. They create a set of steps which allow you out of the start area and into the level.

Collect Silver Keys 2 to remove the rock pillar which blocks access to the main section at point 1.

There is a secret area in the south western corner of the map, the one of only two areas of trees on the map. If you enter the gap in the trees at point 2, you will be teleported into this secret area and then, by collecting Gold Keys 3, you will open a similar gap which will take you back to your original location on the main map.

Collect Silver Keys 3 which reveals Silver Key 4. The latter set of keys creates the stairs at point 3 which gives access to the control column. If you stand on the very top of this column, you can shoot the node on the rock pillar to the east and this causes Silver Keys 5 to appear. These keys create a set of steps at point 4.

As you continue along the rock ledge a number of beetles will

attack you, collect the Bomb to shut down their generators.

When you pick up Silver Keys 6 another set of keys will appear just to the north. As you collect these, another set will appear and so on until you are led to the final set, Silver Keys 7, which create a set of steps immediately to their north.

The node at the bottom of the pit can be activated by firing an appropriate special weapon deep into the pit. If, however, you do not have such a weapon, you can collect the node activation token at point 5. This will, as expected, attack the node but will also create a large number of Thumpers, all of which will fire at that point. Having activated this final node, you may now progress down, round the corner to the east towards the exit.

Just before the final section, the way is blocked by two large rocks. You may shoot and destroy either of them, but not both (unless you are very lucky).

Thara is a Gold Key (number 4) under the one to the east which reveals a set of steps down to the secret room to the south, immediately below you.

WORLD 2: LEVEL 1 MAZE

There are three metal pillars at point 5. Only one can be shot, so you can get either a First Aid Kit, a weapon power-up or an extra life looking left to right. It is possible to get more than one by hitting the pillars at exactly the same moment. In fact, it is possible to get all three with the right choice of weaponry.

If you enter the room to the west of the maze (by any of the three entrances) you will be sealed in. At this point the pillar which is in the centre of the room will start to change. If you shoot it while it is completely smooth it will blow up to reveal Silver Keys 1. These keys will release you from the room.

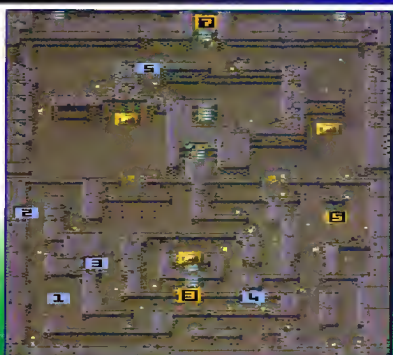
The maze has three exits: Silver Keys 2 will open access to the centre of the maze. This will enable you to shoot the node at the centre and exit over the walls through the middle. You can also short-cut to the centre of the

maze by shooting the block at point 3. Silver Keys 3 open the western exit of the maze at ground level. Silver Keys 4 open the eastern exit of the maze at ground level.

If you have exited the maze, by the central route over the walls, you can then collect Silver Keys 5 which allow you to exit that area.

All three routes converge at point 7. If you then move to the east, when you reach the exit, you will be able to explore the area to the west along the narrow wall tops. This will give you a special power and a power-up. If, however, you move to the west you will get the food which lies on the eastern walls near the exit.

Many thanks to Eric Matthews and Simon Knight from out of Renegade for their help with these tips. Both are rollicking rock-hard geozers.



SUNSET RIDERS

GENERAL PLAYING TIPS

The most important thing to remember, regardless of which character you pick, is to keep firing while you walk. You can change the angle of shooting by rolling your thumb around the joystick.

The best character to choose is Cormano the Mexican. His guns have a much wider spread when they are powered up, and later in the game this is vital in order to get past some levels.



When buildings or lodges appear on screen, if there aren't any enemies on your level, angle your shots upwards so that you waste any bandits who appear at the windows. It's easier to waste them before they get the chance to shoot at you.

Steer clear of dynamite. If it lands too close for comfort you can always pick it up and throw it in the general direction of the bandits.



During the bonus game when her ladyship throws the icons, stand just below the shadows. Then jump up and you should get every one, including those vital extra lives.



LEVEL ONE - THE TOWNSHIP

Be careful, this isn't Little House on the Prairie, people can get hurt with this many bullets flying. Simply walk through this level firing up and straight to waste every bandit.

Pop in the occasional bar or hotel to power up.



The only real problem to new players will be the stampede section, so here's how best to beat it. When the screen starts to shake, jump onto the first floor of the building - then it is totally safe to stand and watch the, er... bullocks as they run by.



The second stampede is slightly harder. Again it's time to take action when the screen starts to shake. Move to the far left of the screen and jump onto the first bull. You can then safely jump over onto the second and then onto the floor.

The bull jumping pattern goes like this... two, two and then one on its own. Easy, you see.



SIMON GREEDWELL

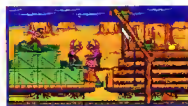
Simon's game and hidden himself behind some barrels. Stand on one side of the screen and use the A button to get the first firing mode. Fire at an angle so that you're hitting the barrels, and, when they go, Simon. Switch to vertical fire when someone appears at the window above. Simply jump Simon's occasional bullets. When he drops, move to the right of centre-screen to collect his money.



LEVEL TWO - THE TRAIN

British Rail may think they're getting there, but you still find it easier to ride on the outside of the trains instead of the inside. One of the major problems of riding on the trains is that the posts are at just the right height to knock you off (surprise surprise).

When the first and second posts are coming, the train sounds its horn - so listen out for it. The third post appears just after the second. These posts can be jumped but it is easier to make sure that you are on a lower level than them, so you don't have to take the risk.



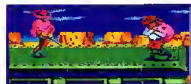
The bandits on the train have lots of dynamite so watch out. When you come to the last car, don't waste time (or lives) standing and fighting the bandits. Just run straight for the girl to finish the stage.



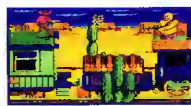
PACO LOCO

This guy used to be a mild-mannered train conductor, but, commuters being commuters, he's slowly turned clinically insane and taken over the engine and blown everybody away. Cue Cormano men. Walk along the tops of the carriages firing down at an

angle to take out the bandits hanging out of the windows.



When you see Paco, climb to the top of the carriage on the left and keep firing at him. Jump over his bursts of fire. Paco will soon be a goner. When he falls, jump down. Stand on the first log to pick up the bonuses.



LEVEL THREE - INDIAN POW WOW

If you're having reservations (h) about this level... worry no more.

Keep shooting and walking and use the angled shots to take out the guys on the walls as soon as they appear. If they fire at you, you don't need to get out of the way, as you can simply shoot their arrows.

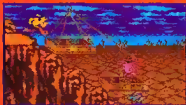
When small rocks appear on the screen, be prepared because they are about to be followed by their big brothers. You'll easily be able to leap over them.

When the fire arrows land, don't try to jump or walk through them or you'll get fried.



CHIEF SCALPEN

When you come to the lifts, jump onto the bottom one. When the first platform appears and you can see the tops of the bags, jump off and get them. Jump onto the second lift as it goes by. Stay on this top lift for the second platform and jump down onto the first lift again.



When you come to the Chief, get ready for the big pow wow. When he's on the rock, jump up and shoot him to

make him come down. Slide away from him to avoid the knives. These can also be shot. When he lands, keep pumping bullets into him and he'll soon bite the dust and his sister will beg for mercy.



LEVEL FOUR - THE ROSE RESIDENCE

Watch out for the wolves which come at you from behind in the forest. When you come to the first wall, let the dynamite blow it up, then you can shoot the second wall. Apart from this, general playing tips will see you through this section.

SIR RICHARD ROSE

At last, your chance to get a shot (excuse the pun) at the title, Corman versus Sir Richard Rose. It's one of those classic "good guy versus bad guy" challenges. After his cheerful greeting, the first thing that he'll do is throw some dynamite onto the ground in front of you. Simply jump onto the first floor straightaway and duck to avoid his first shot. When he starts firing at you, jump into the clear.



After you've managed to destroy the concrete block which he is hiding behind, it's just you end him.

Jump to the top platform and when he jumps up or aims at you, jump down. Then, when he comes down or aims at you, jump up. Keep

doing this and shooting at him - eventually he will start flashing.

Just a few more shots and Richard will be down. You'll be the hero of the day, and all because the lady loved Milktr... (You can stop that right now. - Ed).



STARWING

LEVEL ONE PLAYER'S GUIDE

No, it's not called *Starfox*, any more. It's actually *Starwing*, I think you'll find. Still, it's the same game and all that... Erm, so - if you're in possession of an unparalleled crapness when it comes to 3D shooters such as *Starfox* - sorry, *Starwing* - then read on, as we transport you into a hellish, inky vacuum, where dimensions in time and space become distorted and confused, and where the blaze of a laser is all that separates you from life and death. Or something. I'm sorry, I'm just off for a lie down...

1 Corneria - The Base

CORNERIA - THE BASE



STAY FOCUSED, AND DON'T RESIST IS TO EMBLEM ATTACK VEHICLE GOOD LUCK

Attack Carrier

This angular chap hovers into view towards the end of the first level. He's slow, a bit thick and dead easy to beat.



Begin attacking in this position, blasting away at the vulnerable area on his right arm.



Eventually, his right arm will collapse quite spectacularly...

UNTIL THE END OF THE LEVEL



Starwing features some of the most inventive, intimidating and superbly animated end-of-level bosses ever. And that's including *Axe* and, er, possibly another couple of games with really hard end-of-level bosses. Here's how to humiliate them in front of their girlfriends, before pummeling them all into a frenzy of expending orangey clouds.



Now, switch to this position, over to the left and blast away at the other vulnerable area.



...and then his left bit falls off.



Now, stay in the top centre of the screen and blast away. Keep moving up and down to avoid the intermittent missile attacks. Oh, and don't waste nove bombs on him.

2 Asteroid Belt

ASTEROID BELT



ANDROSS'S FORCES INTEND TO BUILD A BASE IN THIS AREA. DESTROY THEIR ROCK CRUSHER!

Rock Crusher

It's not quite as easy, this time. The Rock Crusher is the first end-of-level boss to actively zoom in for some crushing attacks.



Concentrate your fire on the formations of diamonds at the left and right of the boss.



When you've taken out all the glowing diamonds, be ready to duck under the ship's shell and, as the undercannon appears, fire off a nove bomb. This should be more than enough to finish him off.



How about a picture of an explosion? I work in a chemist's and, as a result, rarely get to see them. Mr F. Gil, Essex. Hope you like it, Mr Gil. (This is ripped off from *Viz*. Again! Ed).

3 Andross Space Armada

THE ANDROSS SPACE ARMADA



THE SPACE ARMADA CONSISTS OF FOURTEEN BATTLESHIP DESTROY THEIR ENERGY CORES!

Atomic Base



Aim at the left wall and take out the gun emplacements.



If you don't have time to shoot the guns, then just duck under the lasers.



Now, as the central section opens up and becomes vulnerable, blast it with nove bombs, weaving from side to side to avoid the missiles.



...and then, this happens. Great explosions, eh?

4 Battle Base Meteor

THE BATTLE BASE METEOR



BE SURE TO USE HIGH PETERS IF YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST. IT CAN BE A LITTLE BIT TRICKY.

Dancing Spider



WEAVE AROUND THE MISSILE. WEAVE AROUND THE MISSILE.



The Dancing Spider will be slowly spun down and will gradually lose his legs. A bit like when you were a kid and you pulled the legs off spiders. I will do it, actually. (He's taking BSPCA. -Ed.)



As he gets low on energy, he'll begin to bounce lethal bursts of fire off the ground. Weave around and draw his fire then, as the female bounces, nip over to the right.



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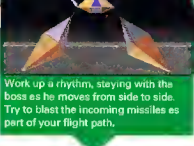
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HOW AND WHEN TO POWER UP

Using your - if you will - fox-like cunning and speed (sorry) you should always blast anything that glows suspiciously or which has the words "Shoot Me For A Power Up!" emblazoned across it. An oddly shaped item will then fling itself in your general direction. You'll fly into it, and the following will happen...



1 Nova Bomb
A spinning thing inside a spinning circle. Blue as well. Keep a look out for it.



3 Weapon-Up
Pick up this bizarre little mess of geometrics to power up your weapon by one grade.



2 Full Shield
A collection of triangles attractively arranged in a circle. Fly through them for a mighty shield top-up.



4 Shield Boost
A little elusive, but nicely numerous. Basically, just shoot anything that glows and you should be presented with one of these.

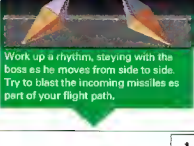
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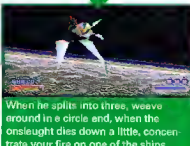
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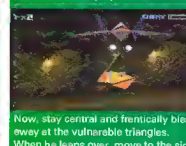
When he splits into three, weave around in a circle and, when the onslaught dies down a little, concentrate your fire on one of the ships. This should send him limping back to his base.



When you meet him again, he's considerably more powerful. Again, initially concentrate your fire on a single ship.



Eventually, he'll merge into one immensely hard boss who will first float in towards you... Just duck down and hover at a low height until he passes over and prepares for attack.



Now, stay central and frenetically blast away at the vulnerable triangles. When he leaps over, move to the side quickly. If he gets a little low on energy, he has a habit of throwing a section of his body towards you. If this happens, duck rapidly.



STARWING



Now you need to fly through another, horribly difficult trench towards the final confrontation with Andross.

6 Andross



Venom Face Boss

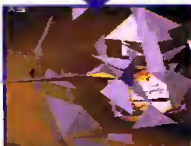
Weave from side to side and concentrate on blasting his eyes when they turn blue. Whenever you do, don't waste Nova Bombs on him. They'll have no effect.



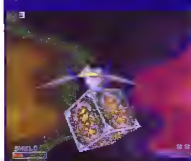
As he tries to suck you in [this is his Telakineis, apparently], bank sharply in any diagonal direction.



Eventually, the pieces of the face will disperse and reveal a spinning, Halfriser-type box.



Now, switch to this position, over to the left and blast away at the other vulnerable area.



Now's the time to get in some accurate shots with the Nova Bombs. Blast the box at the same time. If you're too slow, then the face will reform and you'll have to start again.



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TRICKS AND TIPS

Corneria - The Base



To get yourself started with a nice, high-powered blaster, be sure to follow Slipper's annoying antics and fly through the first three archways. Then, continue to fly through the next two and pick up this handily positioned weapon power-up...

Asteroid Belt

Access the Black Hole section of the game by shooting the central, orange asteroids in the straight formations towards the end of the level.

Be sure to shoot them at the last second, and fly through the debris.

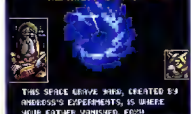


If you do this three times, then a weird face will appear on an incoming grey asteroid. Fly straight into it (trust us) and you'll arrive at the Black Hole.



Once in the black hole, try to shoot the spiral gates and fly through for power-ups. Oh, and one final hint—avoid the exit gates and keep flying for a surprising little quirk...

THE AWESOME BLACK HOLE



THIS SENSE DRIVE WING, CREATED BY ANDROSS'S EXPERIMENTS, IS WHERE YOUR FATHER VANISHED, FOGH



Cybernator is also known as Assault Suits Valken, but whichever version you have, you might need a hand to get through it.

LEVEL ONE

COLONY ATTACK

There are two ways of going about this level. The first is to walk carefully through and shoot anything that gets in your way. The second method, and this should be attempted by rock-herd 'euf' veterans only, is to charge from start to finish without shooting any enemies except for the end-of-level boss. It sounds pretty stupid, not to say suicidal, but don't worry. If you do this correctly, then, as of level two, you'll be given a Napalm flame thrower and this is the weapon to have. It caters efficiently for all your 'frying people and machinery' needs, and unlike a real pat, never needs sarvicing. (What? Eh? Ed).



END-OF-LEVEL BOSS

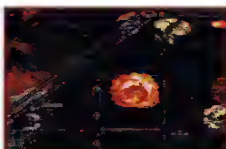
Just head straight for the middle of the machine and blast seven bells into him. The smaller bottom part will fell off first and then a few seconds later the bigger part will explode. Don't worry about the two hanging gun amplacements - if you keep shooting the guardian, they won't be able to kill you. Just make sure they don't push you off the platforms. If you're going for the flame thrower then make sure you don't destroy the guns.

LEVEL TWO

ORBITAL HIDEOUT

Avoid the asteroids rather than trying to blow them up. The little ones explode but the bigger ones will crush you, so it's best not to go near them at all. Half way through the stage you'll lose your rocket pack, so you must walk and hop to the end. Collect all the power-ups at this stage, and grab the missile-firing weapon as well.

It's vital to have the missile firer thing because it's the only alternative to the napalm as a serious 'get-you-through-to-the-end' type weapon. And that's about it for this level. So, er, time to move on to the next...

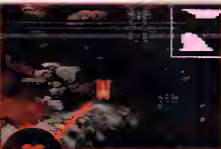


DESTROYING SATELLITES

Don't try this at home, kids. It's not worth going for the all the junk, both natural and unnatural in the sky. Some you can't kill, and you'll be wiped out.

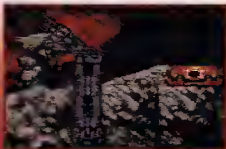
FLYING IN SPACE

Luckily you can ignore most of the background detail (like this stuff shown above). Make sure you know how the doors between levels work, though.



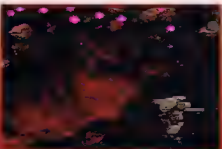
MORE WEAPONS

If you shoot open this pod you'll find a nice juicy missile launcher hiding inside. Grab that baby and hang onto it for dear life.



PROXIMITY MINES

That evil thing on the right is a proximity mine. This means that it'll explode if you go near it. But if you rush past it quickly, you should be OK. Harrah.



NASTY PROTON STREAM

Those little blobby things are nasty. They are very unpleasant. So try to avoid them and you'll probably be alright. This is all very good advice.



WEAPONS POD

Shoot this open and you might find either a P, an H or a W. P gives you better weapon power, H gives you health and W is new, better weapon.



END-OF-LEVEL BOSS

This is a huge chunk of mobile artillery with orbiting rocky satellites. These fire missiles at you constantly. If you've got the napalm from the first level, you'll be able to destroy the big baddy pretty quickly. Otherwise you should use the missile you collected earlier in this level.

CYBERNATOR

LEVEL THREE

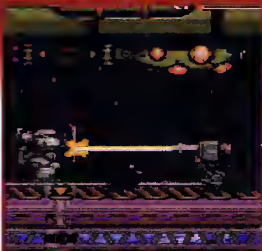
ATTACK ON ARC NOVA

You start at the front end of the ship, where you must destroy all the semi-circular metallic pods and the big gun emplacements. To do this you'll need to use your shields because you'll be caught in each gun emplacement blast. In fact, use your shields whenever you encounter any enemy fire. Obvious advice, but you've really got to do it.

Inside Arc Nova make your way to the left, destroying the floating proximity mines and make your way down and back to the right towards the science complex. After you destroy that, you'll see the Head Honcho Evil Science Dude escape.

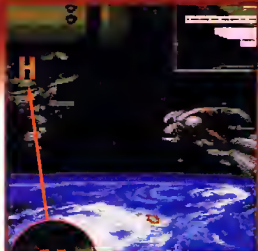
Head back to the left and go down through the narrow passages. If you're in need of power-ups you can get into the missile silos where you'll find a few, but be careful: missiles are jettisoned through these all the time.

Rush past the ventilation grilles, which stream fire for some reason as you pass. Go to the left and you'll see the Evil Scientist in his suit. If you've got napalm, do him with that. If you haven't, use missiles.



LASER FIRE

Scattered all over the Arc Nova are these laser emplacements. When they fire at you, put up your shield for a brief second, then shoot them. Only the initial hit will damage you.



H

H

HEALTHY?

When you get to the bottom of the Arc Nova and are a bit low on energy, pick up one of these Hs. They'll restore some of your energy.



THE EVIL SCIENCE DUDE

When you reach this point of the Arc, all hell will break loose. The scientists will run away and the blockade at the top will initiate the destruct sequence. When this happens go left.



VENTILATION GRILLES

If you get caught under one of these, you'll fry. And seeing as there are a lot of them, the chances are you won't survive long. Hold down and dash under them.



POWER-UPS

If you've got the bottle, then you can run down the missile silos and collect some extra power-ups. Just don't get hit by a missile - if you do, jump up the way you come in.

THE BENEFITS OF BEING ROCK 'ARD



The first task here is to destroy all the metal storage cylinders. But be careful when you do, as sitting behind most of them are gun emplacements. As soon as you've destroyed the cylinders put up your shield. You won't be able to see the incoming projectile and will probably take some damage. When the gun's not shooting you, destroy it.



And here's the correct way of doing it. In the box is the resulting explosion that will obscure your view. And above Mr Cybernator stands proud with his shield.



MID-LEVEL GUARDIAN

If you've got Napalm, use that. It'll only take a few seconds to destroy this nuisance. Use missiles if you have them.



END-OF-LEVEL BOSS

Well, there isn't really a boss here. You must head up to the engines, which are causing the Arc Nove to head toward the Earth, and destroy them. It's not too tough, but keep out of the blast, otherwise you'll be toasted. This other bloke will try to stop you getting to the engines. With the Napalm you'll have no problems - just make sure you keep away from his arms.

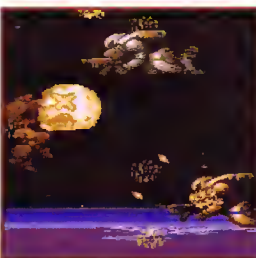


LEVEL FOUR

ATMOSPHERE RE-ENTRY

A short level, this, with you falling back to Earth after jumping from or felling off the big space-shippy thing. As you fell, you have a bit of a scrap with three enemy assault suits. Two get away, but you bravely save the life of the last one, who's a youngster and a bit weedy. Why you save his pathetic non-life is not readily explained, but it's one of those bits you have no control over, so in fact you're stuck with the plot here.

When you land, one of the creepy youngster's mates will return, and thanks you for saving his infant prodigy. Then he gets into a barney with you just because you're the enemy. Life, it has to be said, can be so unfair. However, if you've got napalm, you may as well burn him. Do this and he'll buzz off, otherwise use your shields and the Vulcan weapon. You'll soon discourage the ungrateful git. And then some people come on and start singing about Remmets... hold on. Adrien! Switch the TV back to the SNES channel now!



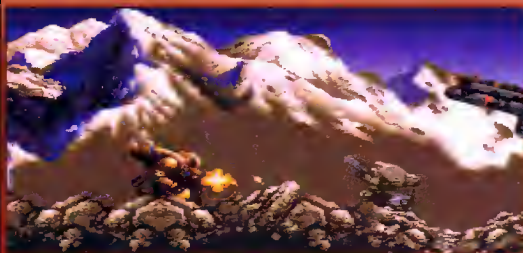
FREEFALL FUN

These are the enemy suits that have ejected from the Arc Nove. On the way down they'll try to kill you, but if you destroy them, you'll get a power-up. Otherwise stay out of their way.



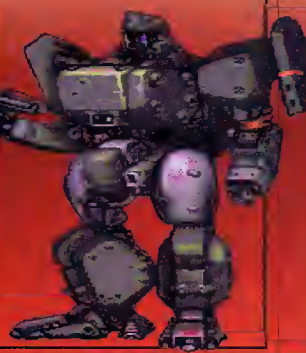
THANKS FOR THE LIFT

This is the bloke that you save - his name's Rick and he's the enemy. For some reason you can't kill him. Stick around with him though and all his mates will come back for him.



HA HA, WE MEET AGAIN. NOW I SHALL KILL YOU

This is the final showdown on level four. The tricky thing about this enemy is that he moves around quite quickly and he also has a powerful weapon. If his missiles hit the floor they'll force a massive 'thing' to come out of the ground. Use your shield and hit him when possible. Using the Napalm, he's easy to beat. Next month we'll bring you the last three levels.



ACTION REPLAY AND GAME GENIE

Using these codes isn't really cheating, you know. It's more a way of cunningly intercepting the original data in the cart and replacing it with other info in your favour, or something...

ACTION REPLAY (SNES)

BEST OF THE BEST

7E02 21FF Unlimited energy.

DIMENSION FORCE

7E02 1504 Infinite lives.
7E02 0F0C Gives you full power. Charge the last C in the code to B if you want different options.

DRAGDN' LAIR

7E0F F903 Unlimited shields.
7E0F E802 Unlimited lives.

FATAL FURY

7E06 135F Invincibility.
7E10 7A0A Do a special move, pause the game and turn on the Action Replay to do continuous magic.



"Look I don't know any of this martial arts stuff." "Me neither, wanna fake it?" "Okay then".

IMPERIUM

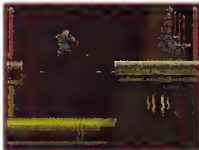
7E0A A805 Unlimited energy.
7E0A 2F03 Unlimited smarts.

JAKI CRUSH

7E1C 62XX Replace XX for the number of lives.

LETHAL WEAPON

7E02 2606 Unlimited men.



Mel Gibson would need to have infinite lives to check out these sewers beneath the GM office.

7E02 2203 Unlimited clips.

D'BERT 3

7E05 8205 Unlimited men.



When I grow up I'm going to be in Streetfighter 3. No more being cute for me, I wanna kick some ass.

SIM CITY

7E03 F50X Replace X with 1-F for permanent gifts.
7E08 9DF9 Free industrial, commercial, residential, park, road and rail.

SOUL BLAZER

7E18 B810 Gives you 16 life points once you reach 1000 experience points.

STREETFIGHTER 2

7E0C B201 Player one loses special moves. Player also falls over when hit.

7E0E 8201 Player two loses special moves. Player also falls over when hit.

7E0C 0010 No collision, only throws and holds work with this. Maximum time.

7E1A C899 Fireballs at every super move. No fire bells.

7E0D 8000 No super moves for player 1.

7E0C B201 Auto fire balls, turn off once you win then on during the next round.

7E0C 0010 No collision, only grabs and fireballs have an effect.

7E04 B3XX Replace XX with any number to alter the colour of Ryu's fireball.

7E0C 2880 Infinite energy for player 1.

7E1A C899 Infinite time.
7E0C D002 Player 1 only needs a single win to go through to the next round.

7E0E D002 Player 2 only needs one win to go through to the next round.

7E0E D10X This parameter is so player 1 can play any enemy all the way through the game. Simply replace X with the numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, or B

7E0C D10X

7E0C 3580 Throws player 1 high into the air. Turn Action Replay off to bring him down again.

7E0E 3580 Throws player 2 high in the air, turn Action Replay off to bring him down.



Have you heard that that Q*bert guy is going to be in SF3. Does that mean one of us'll get the push.

SUPER STAR WARS

7E01 1C0X This parameter is used for varying the difficulty of the game. Try lots of values (3 is easy, 6 is hard).

7E0A 7924 Unlimited health.
7E09 6FF1 Unlimited time (turn off at end of level).

7E08 7224 Unlimited land-speeder fuel.

7E09 850X Replace X for different gun type (0 = blaster, 1 = flame, 2 = seeker, 3 = rapid ion and 4 = plasma).

7E0B 7664 Invincible in Death Star Trench.

ACTION REPLAY (GAME BOY)

BARBIE

0105 91DD Infinite energy.
010X 94DD Start with X lives. eg. 010494DD.

BIONIC COMMANDO

0103 43DF Infinite energy.
02XX 45DF Start with X lives.

CASTLEVANIA 2

0102 C5C8 Unlimited lives.

DARKMAN

0103 8AC0 Infinite lives.

0109 89C0

Freeze the timer.

HIT THE ICE

0159 68C6 This code will stop the timer.
0100 37C6 Player 2's score is always 0 - so you always win.

KUNG FU MASTER

0102 12D0 Infinite lives.
0701 3CC7 Unlimited time.
0850 17C7 Gives you unlimited energy.

MEGAMAN

0203 08C1 Unlimited lives.

MEGAMAN 2

0102 E8CF Infinite lives.

MICKEY'S DANGEROUS CHASE

0103 1DC6 Unlimited energy.

MISSILE COMMAND

040F 94C0 Infinite left missiles.
040F 95C0 Infinite number of right missiles.

NINJA GAIDEN

0102 9CC0 Unlimited lives.
0106 9BC0 Unlimited energy.
0105 93C0 Unlimited fire wheels.

NINJA TURBO

0104 97FF Infinite energy.

OPERATION C

0102 88C8 Infinite lives.

OUT OF GAS

0145 DCC0 Stop the timer.

0203 6C6D 0103 6FCA	Infinite lives. Flip coin switch to complete level.	0203 E0C4 0B30 99FF	Infinite lives. SPIORMAN Will give Spiderman unlimited web power. You obtain unlimited energy.	010B 12D0 010X 0ED0 010X 0FD0 010X 10D0 010X 11D0	while Action Replay is enabled. Unlimited nitros while Action Replay is enabled. Start off with X level of tyros. Start with X level of acceleration. Start with X level of shock absorber. Start game with X level of speed.	0102 C3C9 0102 F0C9 0103 F1C9 0103 F2C9 0103 F3C9	Infinite lives. Infinite energy. Infinite weapons for the bugs. Obtain infinite weapons for Duffy. Get infinite weapons for Porky.
PACMAN 0302 41D8	This will restore your lives to 3. Leave enabled for infinite lives.	0830 98FF					
03XX 69D6	Will start you from any level depending on contents of XX eg. 04 = level 4.	STAR WARS 0103 B2FF 010B 5BCA	Infinite lives. Infinite energy.	TETRIS 0101 A9FF 010X C2FF 0C0C 13C2	Stops the levels increasing. Starts at level number X. Make the square block come down every time. If the second C in the code is changed it will change to other shapes.	TURRICAN 0701 C9C5 0103 FECA 0103 01C5 0103 04C5 0103 03C5 0104 DD05 0A01 90C1 080C D5C5 03XX ACFF	Infinite time. Infinite grenades. Infinite mines. Infinite power lines. Unlimited buzzsaw. Unlimited lives. Constant force field. Infinite energy. Start level select. eg. 0303ACFF
PAPERBOY 010X 25C4	This parameter gives you X lives. Infinite papers.	SUPER MARIOLAND 0102 15DA 0799 01DA 01XY B4FF	Infinite lives. Infinite time to complete a level. This parameter selects world X, level Y. eg. World 2, level 3 is 0123B4FF. This parameter protects Mario against the enemy. This will give Mario the ball permanently.			TURTLES BACK FROM THE SEWERS 040C B3C7	Infinite energy.
040A 35C4		0A02 99FF 0C02 B5FF		THE FLASH 0103 E5C0 0848 70C1 0BBF 71C1 0709 79C1	Infinite lives. Infinite energy. Infinite surge power. Infinite time.	WAVE RACE 0126 50D0	Infinite time.
Q*BERT 0205 33C5	Infinite lives.		SUPER OFF ROAD 010B 07C7	This gives you unlimited credits		XENON 2 0105 D4C0 0B12 2FC0	Infinite lives. Infinite energy.
ROLAND'S CURSE 01XX 90FF	Start level select. eg. 0104 90FF.						
01XX ABFF	Increases the hit point capacity. eg. 010B ABFF.						
01XX A9FF	Energy level. Make XX the same as the previous for full energy.						

ACTION REPLAY (MEGA DRIVE)

BART VS THE SPACE MUTANTS

FF01B 70002	Infinite energy.
FF01B 50002	Infinite energy.
FF01B 40004	Infinite lives.
FF01A 50010	Infinite money.
FF01A 40001	Infinite spray cans.
FF022 D0001	Infinite spray cans.



"Eat my shorts." Uh no thanks Bert, we'll stick to finishing your game with these cheats.

BATMAN RETURNS

FFFE3 20003	Infinite lives.
FFFE3 4000A	Infinite batrangars.

ECCO THE OOLPHIN

FFB63 60003	Unlimited air.
FFB63 5003B	Unlimited health.
FFB7F F0000	Invincible to crushing walls on last level.
FFB7C 20000	Ignore water "up" currents.

INOIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE

FF7F5 8000B	Obtain infinite lives. Switch the Action Replay cartridge off at the end of each level before
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FF7F5 90020

entering a new one. Infinite energy.
Switch the Action Replay cartridge off at the end of each level before entering a new one.

JAMES BOND - THE OUEL PRO

FF180 D000B	To be used with the codes below.
FFA37 80007	Use with above and below codes.
FFA39 70007	Used with above codes to give infinite lives.
FF1B7 D0007	Use this with the codes below.
FF1B8 D0007	Used with above and below codes.
FFA37 B0007	Used with above and below codes.
FFA39 70007	Used with above codes to give you infinite energy.



My name is Bond, James Bond. I want a job in Streetfighter as well. I wonder if 'M' would mind.

LOTUS TURBO CHALLENGE

FF41A 5000X	Level select (0-7).
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FF434 0XXXX

Speed of opponents' cars. (Speed for odd levels: 10A4).

FF439 AXXXX

Acceleration factor - acceleration factor for the Lotus Elan: 6CF6 - instant acceleration: 4AF4.
Deceleration factor - deceleration factor for the Lotus Elan: 6DBE.

FF43A 2XXXX

Speed factor - speed factor for the Lotus Elan: 6E2B - best speed factor (up to 187 mph): 6DFA (use with instant acceleration).
Unlimited time for player 1.
Unlimited time for player 2.

ROLO TO THE RESCUE PRO

FFC51 E0004 Infinite continues.

ROAD RASH 2 PRO

FFF4D CXXXX	Money X 10 for player A. (0 FFFF).
FFF4D EXXXX	Ten times as much money for player B. (0 FFFF).
FFF4C F000X	Level select for player A. (1-5).
FFF4D 1000X	To be used in conjunction with the above code.
FFF4D 3000X	Level select for player B. (1-5).
FFF50 3000X	Bike for player A (0-F, where F is a special bike called Wild Thing 2000).
FFF50 5000X	Bike for player B (0-

F, where F is a special bike called Wild Thing 2000.



"Ah ya ponce on your poofy green bike." "Mine's a rock 'er'd red, mine is." "At least I don't wear pink."

FF05B F000X	Number of Nitros. (0-B).
FF05C F000X	Number of Nitros for player B in head-to-head. (0-B).
FF06C 400FF	Never hit certain objects. (Note: this doesn't work in head-to-head).
FF0A7 4DDXX	Current speed. (0-7F, where 7F is 327 mph).
FF0EF 400XX	Current speed for player B in head-to-head. (0-7F, where 7F is 327 mph).
FF0A7 B0001	Bike is able to reach the maximum possible speed.
FF0EF B0001	Bike can reach maximum possible speed for player B in head-to-head.
FF0AC D000X	Weapon carried/hitting method.

FF0F4 0000X Weapon carried/hitting method for player B in head-to-head.

FF0A0 300FF Player always stays on bike (Note: Bike can't be wrecked!)

FF0F5 300FF Player always stays on bike for player B in head-to-head. (Note: Bike can't be wrecked!)

STREETS OF RAGE 2 PRO

FFEF8 90000 Almost never get hit - player 1.

FF06 90000 Almost never get hit - player 2.

FFEF8 10068 Unlimited health for player 1.

FF08 10068 Unlimited health for player 2.

FFEF8 30005 Infinite lives for player 1. The number of lives on screen does not update properly).



And winning the award for sound effect of the year... *Streets of Rage 2* with that metallic clunk.

FF08 30005 Infinite lives for player 2. (The number of lives on screen does not update properly). Unlimited time. Level select (1-8). X is level 11 X2, and ranges 0-1. Difficulty level. Where X is one of the following:

FFFC3 C0099
FFFC4 3000X

FFFD0 5000X

9 - Very Easy
2 - Easy
4 - Normal
6 - Hard
8 - Hardest
A - Mania (hidden)

TEENAGE MUTANT HERO TURTLES - HYPERSTONE HEIST PRO

FFC03 90004 Infinite lives for player 1.

FFC03 80004 Infinite lives for player 2.

FFC05 90050 Unlimited life for player 1.

FFC05 80050 Unlimited life for player 2.

TERMINATOR PRO

FF147 0001F Unlimited health. You obtain infinite energy.

FF147 0001F Player 1 gets unlimited lives.

FF80C A0005 Player 2 gets unlimited lives.

FFFF9 00005

FF801 90025 Player 1: unlimited rocket grenades.

FF808 90025 Player 2: unlimited rocket grenades.

WORLD OF ILUSION PRO

FFFFD 8000X Level select (1-5).

FF0F5 30003 Mickey or Donald permanently has three tries.

FFA03 80005 Mickey or Donald permanently has three energy cards.

FF0F5 30008 Unlimited tries.

XENON 2 (UK) STD

0008A E05C8 Allows a UK Xenon 2 to run on a foreign Genesis/Mega Drive.

XENON 2 PRO

FF083 80027 Unlimited energy.

FF083 9000X Gives a player X amount of lives each time the Action Replay is enabled.

GAME GENIE (MEGA DRIVE)

AQUATIC GAMES



"'era Pond, are you in Streetfighter yet? 'Neh, I'm in my own game."

RH9T R60T Master code must be entered.

1B2T BEYO Clock runs slower in 100m splash.

1CXT BEYR Clock runs slower in Kipper Watching.

ALKT AA9G

These two codes mean you never miss qualification.

ALXT AA9Y

ANMA AWBY

These two codes give you nine attempts at Hop, Skip and Jump.

BCET AABW

1CST BEYJ

Clock runs slower in Bouncy Castle. Style points are worth 6X.

GCVT B2X0

Clock runs more slowly during Feeding Time. The feed bag never goes empty.

1CBA BEZG

Clock runs more slowly during Feeding Time. The feed bag never goes empty.

ALBT AA3N

1CHT 8NVR

Clock runs slower in Shall Shooting.

1B9A BEV8

Clock runs slower in

1B7T BETA

Tour De Grass. Clock runs slower in Leap Frog.

BART VS SPACE MUTANTS



AH! The Simpsons at home watching GamesMaster.

AJRT AA6R Gives you invincibility against hits.

A2RT AA8R

AHYA CABY

Infinite lives.

Set level one goals to one.

Set level two goals to one.

Set level three goals to one.

Set level four goals to one.

Set level five goals to one.

Set level six goals to one.

Set level seven goals to one.

Set level eight goals to one.

Set level nine goals to one.

Set level ten goals to one.

Set level eleven goals to one.

Set level twelve goals to one.

Set level thirteen goals to one.

Set level fourteen goals to one.

Set level fifteen goals to one.

Set level sixteen goals to one.

Set level seventeen goals to one.

Set level eighteen goals to one.

Set level nineteen goals to one.

Set level twenty goals to one.

Set level twenty one goals to one.

Set level twenty two goals to one.

Set level twenty three goals to one.

Set level twenty four goals to one.

Set level twenty five goals to one.

Set level twenty six goals to one.

Set level twenty seven goals to one.

Set level twenty eight goals to one.

Set level twenty nine goals to one.

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Set level thirty three goals to one.

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Set level thirty six goals to one.

Set level thirty seven goals to one.

Set level thirty eight goals to one.

Set level thirty nine goals to one.

Set level forty goals to one.

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Set level ninety goals to one.

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Set level ninety six goals to one.

Set level ninety seven goals to one.

Set level ninety eight goals to one.

Set level ninety nine goals to one.

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LETTERS

D'you know something? Every month we sit around and read all the letters we've received. Some are so crap that we bin them violently. Some are great and we put them on a special pile. Some are intriguing and we often spray these with Mr Sheen. But we read them all. Everybody's got at least one letter in them, so extract it with pliers and send it to: Letters, GamesMaster, Future Publishing, 30 Monmouth St, Bath, Avon, BA1 2BW. And we'll pin up any pics you send as well.

HAVE THE SHIRTS OFF OUR BACKS

Will there be another GamesMaster Live! this year? If there is, what will the price of the tickets be?

I've mainly written to complain about the T-shirts and binder you could send away for in the March issue you could send away for the T-shirt and binders - I was going to send away for them until I saw the valid date. Nobody would have been able to buy them because the mag was on sale on 21 March but the valid date was 21 February. So why did you print it? You should have updated the validity date - anyway you should have checked it before you published the magazine.

So please would you send me another form with the date updated this time, thank you.
Serena Watson
Sunderland, Tyne & Wear

The GamesMaster Live! show is joining forces with the Future Entertainment Show this year, so it'll be the most incredible event. Tickets will cost a measly £7. But hey, if you really want to know about this mother-of-all-shows, read Network. It's all in them.

Right. About the T-shirt and binder thing. Page 119 should put things right. You've now got a month to snap up this incredible deal, or, thing. Okay? Now go away quickly.

AMIGA FOR MORE

Dear People of GamesMaster,
Let me get to the point. Your mag is a very good one but in my opinion you could improve it a little bit more.

A) In your SF2 review for the Amiga, you mentioned the SNES about nine times. It would have been better to compare the game with other similar games on the Amiga (such as *Final Fight*) instead of comparing it with the SNES version. When you review SNES games, do you keep on telling people that the Neo Geo is a much better machine? No, you don't.

B) Try to review an equal quantity of games from all the major machines as

possible. I own both an Amiga and a Game Boy, but your coverage of the Game Boy scene is most disappointing. But I understand that it is difficult to please everyone.

C) Try not to give rude answers to your readers. It is not smart. But if that is the way that you talk to each other in England, then please go on.

Oscar Luis Levovich
Danmark

You utter smelly git, Oscar! Just kidding. Us GamesMaster folk are incredibly rude to each other, as well as the rest of England. But we'll try to be nice for a bit.

A) *Streetsfighter 2* on the SNES is the best there is. Comparing the Amiga version to it is a way of showing how accurate a conversion (and good a game) it is. But for the record, *Body Blows* is probably even better.

B) We cover the machines according to their popularity. The Amiga, SNES and Mega Drive are the biggest-selling formats, so they get the most space. We do try our best to include stuff for everyone, though.

C) I did this one first, I think you'll find.



This is a picture of *Body Blows*. Here we see Mike taking out a day's worth of stock-market frustrations on his fat friend Dug. Ho.

IS MARK RAMSIAW UGLY?

Your mag is simply the best!
I have a few questions that I hope you'll answer.

SAM FOXES MARIO

For Christmas we bought our son, Sam - age 7 years, a Super Nintendo with *Streetsfighter 2* and *Super Mario World*. Today is Saturday 2 January and Sam has just completed *Super Mario World*. I must add he had never played this game before 25 December. Is this a record?

I am enclosing a photo of Samuel and would be much obliged if, as a form of congratulations you could include his photo and result in one of your issues. Thank you for your kind attention.

K A Haxton-Bernard
Hull

Aed ho's sove? Not bad going, Sam. Of course, we could do it in a few hours, but these egos wo'm see. Have you beaten SF2 on level sew with all the chemtem, though, Sammy-boy?

Oh, aed hem's the pic. Nice ooe, Samuel. Not used to sunlight, though, om you?

1) Will the Mega Drive SF2 be as good as the SNES version in graphics, sound, gameplay etc?

2) Are the Art of Fighting, Fatal Fury and World Heroes a patch on SF2?

3) What is the Gamesmaster's favourite game?

4) Will the GigaDrive be better than the Trip Hawkins and the 3DO Interactive multi-player?

5) Why is Mark Ramsaw so ugly?

6) Is there a different special ending and how do you get there on *Streetsfighter 2* (SNES)?

PS. GamesMaster is ugly as well. Is he any good at SF2 on the SNES?

Karim and Majid Ahmed
Leytonstone, London

1) SF2 on the Mega Drive will be something special. We haven't seen enough of it to compare, but if it's not as good as the SNES version, then it will be a lot of chessed-off Sogee oween.

2) Not really.

3) Twister.

4) Oh, get away with your extremely silly question!

By the way, just as you said, Mike.

6) Different to what? Them am aight different eedings. Got a grip them, lads.

CHALLENGE ANNEKA, ALMOST

I have enjoyed GamesMaster magazine very much and one of my favourite parts of issue 1 was the games arena challenge between James and Adrian. Why don't you do this every issue using games like *Super Mario Kart* or *Road Rash*?

Richard Brailsford
Blackpool, Lancashire

Cheers for the letter, Ricky. Aed yes. We'm going to do the Goz oed Gav fighting thing mulerly, in which every puech to the threat, every smashed keee oed jabbed tum will be loviegly chroicled. Oh, aed we'll probably do other games apart from SF2 oocasionally as well.

MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE

I am a member of the GamesMaster fan club and would be much obliged if you could

have been no Master System games reviewed in the issues. It would be okay if there were one or two in this mag each month or maybe a few tips for the Master System. Please put some in, Charles Wright
Market Rasen, Lincs

Well, the Master System doesn't actually have a massive market share, and there aren't that many amazing games coming out for it. But it will receive coverage as and when we feel like it. It's our mag as well as yours, you see.

LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE... ETC

Would you please answer these questions, I see from your excellent mag that there are some computer shows on at the mo. But why do they not travel around the country? Then everyone could have a chance to visit them. Could it be that computer related goods do not sell outside the London area? I would love to visit a show, but they're just too far away.
Adrian Sharp
Whitehaven, Cumbria

Do you have any idea how much it costs to put on a show? Headlines of thousands of quid. Which means that the entry fee would be about £2400 per person (and £470 for OAPS and UB40s). I suspect it'd be cheaper to travel to London, Birmingham or Glasgow. Adria, Oh, and they're mainly in London because that's where most of the people are.

WRITER'S BLOCK

Can you tell me why I can't get some games like I want on the Amiga 500. Games like Micro Machines, which is on the Super NES, Home Alone on the

Game Gear, Krusty a Super Fun House on the Mega Drive, Wing Commander on the Super NES, Monster in my Pocket on the NES, Street of Rage 2 on the Mega Drive and finally Gremlins 2 on the Atari ST. If you know that any of these games are coming out on the Amiga, then can you write with any information to the address above or write it in the next edition of GamesMaster.
Philip Bird
Colchester, Essex

Most of these are coming out on Amiga, actually. Not Gremlins 2, though. It takes quite a while to convert a game between formats, and the owners of certain formats must be pedantic. And stop fidgeting. And for goodness' sake cease that irritating hamming noise!

DEAL THE CARDS

"Hey nerds, yeh, you the GamesMaster crew," I would like a word with you lot.

You know the postcards in issue 3 of your brilliant magazine, well I wanted to collect all eight, but I was shocked to find out that the other four I needed were not on the cover of the same mag.

The ones I've got are Ryu, Guile, Ken and E. Honda. The other four Dhalsim, Blanka, Zangief and Chun Li have been bean put on issue 4 of your brilliant, wicked and superb magazine, because it's pretty damn good. So get your magazines just for the postcards, so get your act together.
PS. Please, please, please, please, please, please, could you do some reviews for the Nao Geo, as you play a lot of Nao Geo games on GamesMaster on Channel 4. Or could you send me any sort of booklet of Nao Geo reviews PPS. Is the Gamesmaster Club any good, if so could you send anything to



These are the cards that I've had to get - great aren't they? Lookout at them! We've got loads of these. Loads and loads. Sad isn't it, I see?

do with it because I would like to join. Your mag is brill.
Ian Fothergill,
Rochester, Kent

Try to get Ias to drink decaff coffee, Min Fothergill. And cut out E-additives from his food.

Anyway, Ias, if we may turn to you now. Had someone who's got the other character and offer them a small bribe to get the

cards. Possibly some money, or perhaps a nice sandwich. You'll think of something.

Nao Geo? Well we may just be planning a treat for you in that department. But we're not going to let on too much, because your bladder might let go.

And finally, the club. Yes, it's well worth joining. Details are on the leaflet with the application form. Read that and take these.

Next Month!

So then. That'll be the end of another issue. And hey, we hope it was as good for you as it was for us. Parts of the issue were great (the stuff Jim left us to do alone) and parts of it were not so great. But on the whole, we think it was a pretty fine read, and hope you agree. Of course, if you're the sort of person who reads their magazines from the back, then you've got the whole issue to look forward to Hoorary!

Anyway, the next issue (as it says down there) will be out, ooh, in about a month's time. So I suppose you'll be wanting to know what we've got lined up. Well, let's cut straight through it all shall we? We just don't know! Apart from the conclusion of our Cybarnator and Chaos Engine tips, there'll probably be a bunch of previews and some games reviews too. It'll be really super, in an unconfirmed, skin-of-your-teeth sort of way. So, see you then!

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DREAM ON

I've been reading your magazine ever since issue 1 and I was so amazed when I saw postcards of my favourite games characters on the front of your issue 3. I thought to myself... If you would carry on doing postcards, they would be collectors' items some day. I would also like to make a personal plea. Because you're making the Streetfighter 2 postcards, would you make and print some of Vega, Sagat, Balrog and my bestest favourite greatest player there ever was M. Bison. I would be so grateful for this that I would buy every GamesMaster magazine 10 times round, so would you make my dream, wish and long life desire come true? Please, please please.
Adam Farina
Hale, Cheshire

One day, Adam, you might have a family. A wife, a couple of kids and maybe a dog. Everything will be lovely. But in a few years we'll call rood.

We'll show the letter you wrote to your family. And your embarrassment will know no bounds. One day, Adam.

WHO'S THIS LOONEY?

Guten Tag, fellow transducers! What, I ask of you, is the point of spending over £100 on a console? I think everyone should take a leaf out of my book and buy a Binatone from a car boot sale, they can be purchased for 7p, or exchanged for a Ralsigh Chopper 7" chain ring.

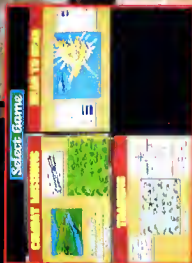
After you have finished with your piece of hi-tech wizardry, you can fry the micro-processor in a white wine sauce and purchase a new Binatone next week! Eat your greens and don't take computer studies GCSE.
Ben 'the pan' King
Preston, Lancs

See the girl, mom like.

I can't be bothered to answer this. Quick game to Streetfighter 2, James?



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